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Know Your Women's General Missionary Society

A Study in Organization

The Women's General Missionary Society--- Its Responsibilities

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BEFORE the formation of the United Presbyterian Church in 1858 women's missionary societies were in existence. The first foreign missionary society of the Associate Church was organized in 1817 at Massies Creek near Xenia, Ohio, and continued while the congregation existed. This is believed to be the oldest women's organization of any kind in the Western Reserve.

The first foreign missionary society of the Associate Reformed Church was organized in the First Church, Allegheny, Pennsylvania, and has recently celebrated its one hundred and first anniversary.

The General Assembly, recognizing that societies were being organized in different sections of our denomination, called upon the women to give their contributions to certain specified objects. In 1875 the Assembly granted the privilege of societies being organized into presbyterials. Organizations developed and in 1883 it was decided to unite the twenty-seven presbyterials into one organization and the name chosen was "The Women's General Missionary Society." The next year the first missionaries were sent forth.

It was a much debated question how the funds of the new organization might be administered. Some men and women deemed it impossible for a Board of Women to be entrusted with the expenditure of money. They felt that every time women heard of a needy cause they would answer the appeal and make promises that they could not pay and the denomination would be responsible for the women's debts.

At last, with the promise that if allowed to administer they would not spend more than they had, the Women's Board of Directors was elected. This promise has been

faithfully kept, and each year the Treasurer of the Women's General Missionary Society has reported a credit balance.

The organization was incorporated by the Act of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. In that charter, familiar to all missionary women, the purpose and responsibilities of the Women's General Missionary Society are stated. The organization was formed "for the purpose of cooperating with the Boards of the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church of North America, in support of mission and medical missionary institutions, and of erecting mission churches and houses for missionaries in this and other lands, subject to the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church of North America."

This has been the policy from the beginning. New responsibilities are sanctioned by the General Assembly before they are undertaken, or the Women's General Missionary Society assumes added responsibilities by the request of the General Assembly, or one of the Boards, for a definite task; for example, the exclusive work for the American Indians, or certain stations in the Negro Work. Thus the work of the denomination moves forward whether administered by the Assembly Boards, for which all members (both men and women) are responsible, or by the Women's General Missionary Society.

The organization's first responsibility was to increase the membership by enlisting new recruits. Presbyterials organized one by one until societies in all presbyteries have been organized into presbyterials and hold one or more meetings each year. The task of interesting and enlisting all the women within their bounds has been undertaken. In the beginning all women, regardless of age, were found in one organization but as the interest grew and leaders were developed, the Young Women and Juniors were organized in separate groups. A fully organized presbyterial in all three phases will have at least three societies in each congregation. There may be six or more societies, as found in many congregations today. To each age different responsibilities have been assigned.

The program of the Women's General Missionary Society is most important. Unless our women and children are studying missions, the purpose of the organization fails. Year by year our societies study the problems of our church mission fields and also world-wide mission topics. Each year a committee of missionary-minded women plans the program and the valuable helps they prepare are available to all societies.

The organization is justly proud of its publications. *The Womens Missionary Magazine* and *The Junior Missionary Magazine* excel in material for program building. Unless the women are informed of the work and its needs, they cannot interest and lead others into His service, Jesus Christ's commission was to all: "Go . . . Tell." Last year *The Women's Missionary Mazazine* went into eleven thousand homes and the Junior Missionary

Magazine into sixty-five hundred homes where there are children.

The literature available plays an important part in the development of missionary members. It has been prepared for the use of all. No matter what field of mission work you are studying, you will find many leaflets helpful for an interesting and attractive program. Last year our societies used 495,491 pieces.

The Minutes of our General Assembly, with its individual congregational report, is most interesting reading to all members of our denomination but our women will find much of interest in the annual (Statistical) Report of all the fifty-three presbyterials with their 1,936 societies. As the interesting detail is studied, a complete picture of the Women's General Missionary Society is revealed and all readers will praise God for His goodness in permitting the women of our denomination to have this additional opportunity of service in His kingdom.

Securing the money to carry on His work is a responsibility that must be shared by every member. The principal sources of our receipts are the regular funds of our missionary societies, legacies, thank offerings, and interest. An easy way to remember this responsibility is that it requires more than one thousand dollars each day of the year to meet our obligations. Last year our financial responsibility was $1,026.55 every day.

In any large organization the responsibility of keeping all its members interested and busy at the task is most important. Upon the efficiency of the three divisions of the Women's General Missionary Society—Women, Young Women, and Juniors—depends the accomplishment of the task assigned its members. This is being stimulated by a Standard of Efficiency for each Society. This covers all phases of the missionary undertaking: membership, mission study, prayer life, gifts and Magazine.

All realize the responsibility of the organization is gigantic. Only by the faithfulness of every member can the task be accomplished. God has promised the needed wisdom and strength, however, if we ask Him. We do not work alone; we are co-workers with Him. Only by His presence and help can the army successfully move forward.

The prayer life of the Women's General Missionary Society brings blessings into the individual and society life and into the presbyterial undertakings. Many thousand members in their own homes are using the Prayer Cycle, praying daily for different objects in each mission field and for each missionary by name. During last year five hundred and forty groups scattered north, south, east and west, were meeting together weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly and praying for the work of the Women's General Missionary Society and its workers.

The responsibility of societies and presbyterials is carried by officers, secretaries and committees elected or appointed by these units.

The corporation of the Women's General Missionary Society, as the charter specifies, is to be managed by a Board of Directors consisting of fifteen members who shall hold office for a term of three years, five

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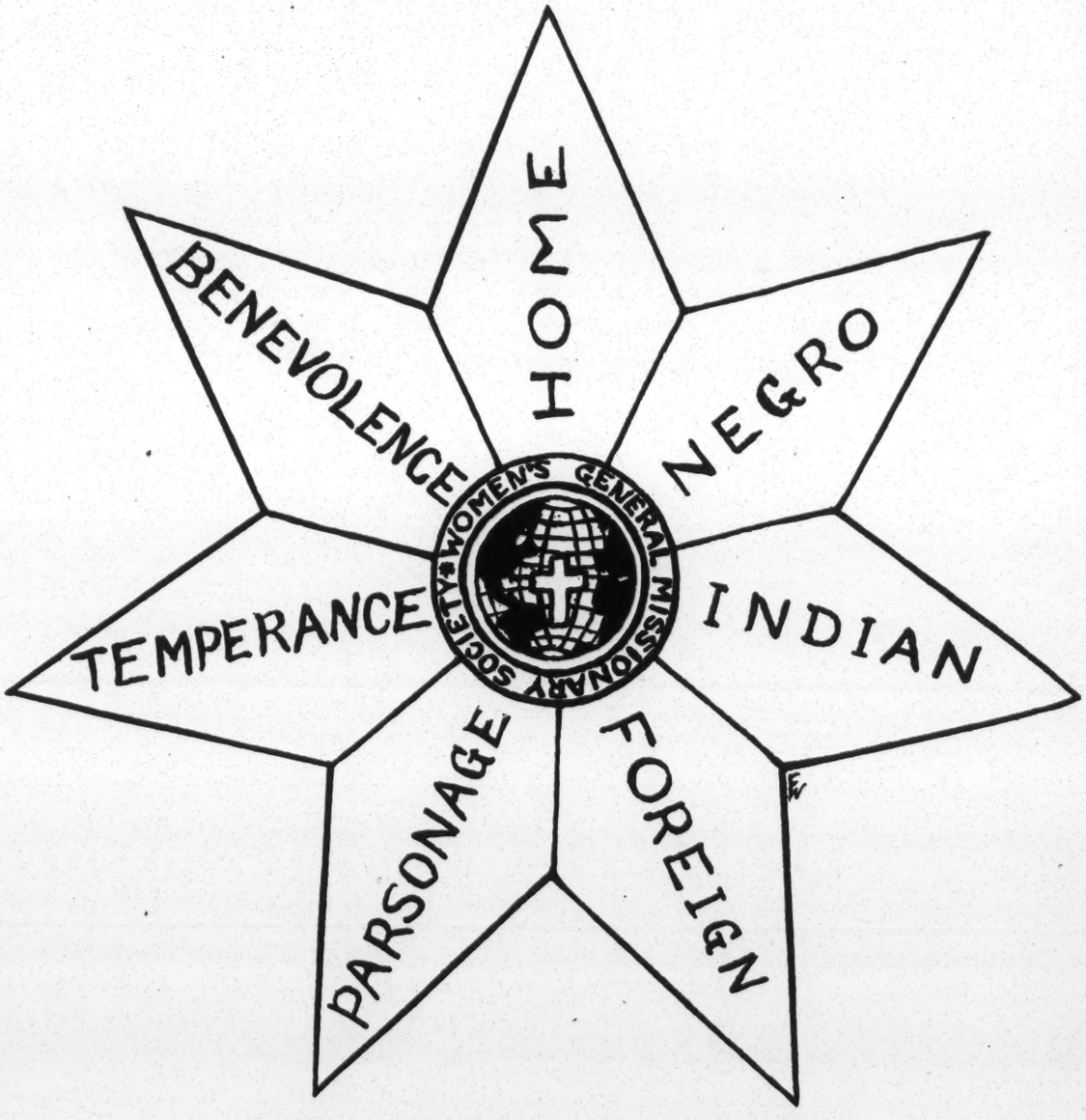
The Seven Departmemts of the Women's General Missionary Society



Drawing by (Mrs. Charles W.) Elsie Wehling Fulton

"Speaking to the Point"

By (Mrs. Charles W.) ELSIE WEHLING FULTON

HOME

This department supports workers among the Aliens, city missionaries, and work for Mountain people. At present, missionaries to Aliens are at work in five localities in New York, Pennsylvania, and Rhode Island; missionaries are serving in the Presbyteries of Allegheny, Los Angeles, San Francisco, and Puget Sound; and in the mountains of Kentucky, at Frenchburg and Ezel, splendid work is being done through schools, dormitories, a farm, a hospital, and two well-organized congregations. There are now 38 missionaries under this department.

NEGRO

At Camden, Prairie, and Miller's Ferry, in Alabama, this department is responsible for the support of all the work, and, in other Negro missions of the Denomination, is responsible for supplying matrons for dormitories and schools, for supplying instructors for industrial work for girls, and for the furnishing and upkeep of domestic science and sewing rooms. Hospitals are supported at Henderson, N. C., and at Miller's Ferry, Ala. There are 55 workers now serving under this department.

INDIAN

For the Indian, work is supported in four places: for the Sac and Fox tribes at Tama, Iowa; for the Wasco Indians at Warm Springs, Oregon, together with preaching services for Piutes at nearby Seekseequa; for the Warm Springs Indians at Simnasho, Oregon; and for the Yakima Indians at Yakima, Washington. Three ordained ministers and one licensed Yakima evangelist are carrying on this work.

FOREIGN

In Egypt, India, the Sudan, and Ethiopia, this department now has 120 missionaries, and as many Bible women, carrying the Gospel to the women and children of these lands. In India, 4 hospitals and 6

dispensaries are maintained; in Egypt, 1 hospital and 2 dispensaries; and in Ethiopia, 1 hospital. Day and boarding schools for girls, community centers, training schools for Bible women, and missionary residences are maintained in all the fields.

PARSONAGE

To assist in the erection of parsonages, this department makes loans at a low rate of interest to new or needy congregations. About 300 congregations have been thus aided. Also missionary residences have been provided in some of the mission stations at home and abroad. The total work of this department through the years is represented by an outlay of about a million dollars.

TEMPERANCE AND REFORM

Through the use of free leaflets, posters, and other literature, this department seeks to bring to the intelligent conception of the members of the W.G.M.S., and of others through them, the real condition of the reform questions in this country.

BENEVOLENCE

This department, expending more than $3,500 annually, carries comfort and cheer, without publicity, to some in need and to workers disabled by illness or age. Formerly this department was known as Ministerial Relief.

"HELP US TO HELP THEE"

Oh! High and Holy Christ,
Who bid'st us to Thy tryst,
Who callest us to Thee
So very whelmingly,
By deeds of good,
By blood-stained Cross of wood,
By piercing prayers for men,
By Love so lovable, and then
By parables that burn
Into our memories and turn
Our visions into reality;
Help us to help Thee
In Thine every activity
Of making all things new,
Saviour—we pray Thee thus to do.

—J. M. Blake, in *The British Weekly.*

The W. G. M. S.---Its Future
A Symposium

Foreign Missions

IN 1883 the Foreign Board asked the Women's General Missionary Society to support ten of the twenty-two women missionaries then at work at a salary of $400 per year. That seemed too big an undertaking but later the support of *all* women serving in our four fields was gradually assumed. To this has been added the support of all Bible Women, the maintenance of six hospitals, and many Boarding and Day Schools for Girls.

The ideals of early leaders—to do all work for women and children—are still our ideals. The goal has not yet been reached but our faith is strong, our hope living, our love outreaching.

Mrs. J. D. Sands.

Home Missions

The light that shines farthest
shines brightest at home.

IT has been said that every living organism has a heart and that Home Missions is the heart of our American church. If that be true it is surprising how many people are prejudiced against home missions and take no account of fifty million people above nine years of age who are not identified with any church—Jewish, Catholic or Protestant, and the twenty million Protestant children who are not enrolled in any Sabbath School.

There are many sections without a church of any Christian denomination. About one-fourth of all the children in the United States live in homes of foreign-born parents and there are hundreds of people of pagan belief.

Church statistics show that the unsaved population in America is increasing. The church is not keeping pace with the population.

The great need today is for more sacrificial and devoted lives, a more comprehensive view of the task and a larger support for Home Mission work.

If America's Christianity is to shine abroad, it must be kept bright at Home.

Will you help make it brighter?

Mrs. William S. Cook.

Negro Missions

BASING our hopes for the future of our work among the Negroes upon accomplishment in the past, we look forward confidently to God's continued blessing in this field. The future of our Negro missions depends, however, upon a continuing and increasing interest in all our missionary societies.

Evangelistic campaigns among our colored people have been most successful—one hundred per cent of our dormitory students have confessed Christ and are members of some Christian church.

Our Vocational work in the schools has inspired and produced brighter and better kept homes and communities. Our two hospitals have not only cared for the sick, but have trained Christian nurses who are ready to sacrifice themselves to promote sanitation and better health among their own people.

The "Utopia" in the department, for which we pray and labor, has not yet materialized, with the agencies at work, but with the help and prayers of the societies, we look forward to its coming in the not too remote future.

Mrs. Ada Kerr Wilson.

Indian Missions

LET us "lengthen our cords and strengthen our stakes:"

1. By having an understanding helpfulness: with the Indian in being slow to criticize and condemn, eager to lead him to an abundant life in Christ; with the Government Indian Service and the tremendous complexity of their work.

2. By upholding our missionaries in their dauntless faith and difficult tasks; being faithful in our remembrance of them.

3. By realizing the great opportunity for advance in providing religious education in the Government schools; we might well advocate, too, the use of Mission funds for training promising youths for Christian leadership and skilled service.

4. By an aroused responsibility concerning the liquor traffic; the "White Man's Fire Water" has wrought havoc; not all white neighbors are corrupting or degrading, but many are indifferent.

Mrs. Arthur B. McBride.

Thank Offering

LAST year the Thank Offering Department celebrated its Golden Anniversary and rejoiced in its past achievements. Gifts of strength, talents, time, money, and life itself were found built into the Monument of Gratitude.

The hope of the future is that every member of the Women's General Missionary Society may express her gratitude by real love offerings to the Master and that all will unite in a glorious anthem of praise to the King of kings and Lord of lords. As long as God continues to daily bestow His rich blessings on us there will be reason for expressing our gratitude by our gifts.

Mrs. O. H. Milligan.

Parsonage

THE parsonage department of the W.G.M.S. is doing a real piece of missionary work in aiding congregations provide comfortable residences for the missionary or pastor, on an easy payment, low interest plan.

Our aim is to have congregations having loans, pay up promptly and so put the money into circulation. Thus others may receive the advantages they have had. We would like to see every home missionary pastor occupy a comfortable manse.

We desire all who have loans, or are expecting to secure a loan, realize that it is the congregation that is responsible for the regular payments, and not the pastor.

Mrs. W. P. Wiegering.

Young Women

PLANS? To forward the "object" of the organization—"aid the work of the W.G.M.S.; arouse and develop interest in missions; train for leadership; form the habit of systematic giving."

HOPES? That members may—
consider missions a worthy challenge; *learn* the work of the W.G.M.S. and its workers; *use* available literature advantageously; *give* the whole work support according to individual ability.

POSSIBILITIES? *Might increase* membership fourfold; *support general work* more adequately; *put Y. W. Special* "out of the red"; *pray* more earnestly; *"put first things first."*

VISION? *Every Christian girl* and *young woman* at work in a *missionary* society; *congregation* strengthened; *missions* fortified.

Miss Ida B. Little.

Juniors

HOW we wish there might be some new plan, some new formula that when worked out would spell in large letters the word SUCCESS for the Junior Work! We do not know of any such new plan. The old plan of work is excellent. It is our hope and expectation that year by year the number of Juniors enrolled will become larger; that the training received in Bible Memory Work, missions and conduct of devotional services and business in Junior societies will be more thorough. A wonderful vision for the future—the older missionary societies providing all the well trained leaders necessary and every United Presbyterian child and many others, enrolled in the Junior Society. Christianity should be a youth movement.

Mrs. W. R. McMunn.

Junior Missionary Magazine

JUNIOR: Junior means younger, pertaining to youth. That is just what I am, I am younger than *The Womens Missionary Magazine.* I am for the girls and boys of our church. You have your Magazine to help do better work for Jesus, so we need ours to help us do better work.

MISSIONARY: A missionary is one sent. I truly am a missionary. The W. G. M. S. is trying to send me to every girl and boy of our United Presbyterian Church. It would like to send me to you free but it costs a great deal to get me ready each month—the printer who prints my messages and Uncle Sam who carries me to you must be paid. So the W. G. M. S. says if you will but pay twenty-five cents I will come to your house every month for a year, or ten or more of us will go in one bundle to your society every month at the rate of fifteen cents each a year. Won't you let them send me to you? I want to go, oh, so badly.

MAGAZINE: A magazine is a store house of information on any subject. I surely am a storehouse. Just listen to some of the things I contain. Good stories; letters from Juniors here and over the sea; Bible readings and Bible questions, real stories from our missionaries; names and pictures of Junior Life Members; notes on our weekly and monthly lessons; and a brand new letter each month from your General Junior Secretary, and many other helpful articles for Juniors and Junior leaders.

Prayer Groups

TO-DAY five hundred and forty Prayer Groups and Prayer Circles meet regularly to pray for our work and workers. A few of these are connected with Junior societies; the others represent about one-third of the Women's and Young Women's societies. The ideal of course would be to have a Prayer Group sponsored by each of our almost two thousand auxiliaries. A higher ideal still would be to have each of the almost fifty thousand members of the W.G.M.S. a member of a Prayer Group. Were this ideal to be reached and were each member to frequently participate in the precious privilege of united petition, who would dare prophesy what an impetus would be given to all lines of our work and who would dare estimate the blessings that would come showering down upon us from Him who is the Great Hearer and Answerer of prayer!

Mrs. Chas. W. Fulton.

Efficiency

I HAVE a definite vision of the share the Efficiency Department may have in the greater future of the W.G.M.S. It is that EVERY society shall realize by actual use the meaning and value of the Standard of Efficiency. Then will greater numbers of women, young women and children be gathered into societies that will pray, work and give intelligently through use of *The Womens Missionary Magazine* and Prayer Cycle; tithes and Thank Offerings will be gladly given and all our Departments of work faithfully supported. Then we will be able to say effectively to ALL the people of our mission fields, "Arise! The Master is come and calleth for thee."

Mrs. Edgar B. Murdoch.

Hands Across the Sea

THE future of our work lies not alone in the homeland and in our organization here but also in our sister organizations in India, Egypt, the Sudan and, we hope, in Ethiopia. As I saw some of the societies and presbyterials in the three countries we visited, I realized the present value to our joint task in the capabilities of these women and young women and also the future potentialities for service in their love for the Master and their witness to Him. There will be a great strengthening of our missionary service "as women for women" as these sisters join with us in ever increasing numbers to do that home mission work which lies to the hand of every one of us by reason of the need of the soul of a neighbor and that work which is "foreign" to us in that those to whom we would and must send the Gospel are afar off.

Mrs. Harriet S. Boobyer.

Literature

A FEW years after the organization of the W.G.M.S. there was felt the need to inform the women of the church as to the purpose and the plan of the organization. The sum of $50.00 was placed in the hands of a committee with which to buy or print and sell informational material. This was to be a revolving fund. Each year a bit less has been spent than has been received. Thus in 47 years the initial fund has grown to an amount of four figures, and the few leaflets into a Literature Department—an achievement for which we feel some justifiable pride.

But as a church we are loose-jointed in our distribution of literature. In this nine-story Publication Building three church periodicals are printed, unrelated except by denomination, and there are five distinct depositories for leaflets or books, or both. In addition the Foreign Board has literature supplies some of which we handle and for which we remit regularly. This is most confusing. Orders shuttle back and forth between Boards and Departments. It is not at all unusual to receive an order with check to cover charges that must be divided three or four ways.

Is it too much to envisage a *Literature Headquarters of the United Presbyterian Church* with a budget that would permit an adequate supply of literature for our membership, and to which address all orders should be sent? How simple for the patron; how satisfactory to the dispenser.

Mrs. A. J. Randles.

The Treasury

THE treasury is a very important feature in the work of the Women's General Missionary Society, as it has to provide all the money needed to carry on the work in all the different departments in all the foreign fields as well as in the homeland.

We are very grateful that we have had sufficient funds during all the past years to meet all of the expenses of the work undertaken, which has been due to the faithful efforts of the Missionary Societies, some Sabbath Schools, and unexpected gifts from legacies and individuals.

Our hopes, desires and expectations are that all the Societies will be as liberal and prompt as possible in sending in contributions, so that in the future we may be able to meet all the expenses of the work as we have done in the past.

Mrs. J. B. Hill.

Recording Secretary

MINUTES of a missionary society should be carefully recorded being valuable for reference. They are a tabulation of the tangible results of work performed. A recording secretary, though her work is often irksome, is an important cog in the machinery of organization. Shall we as secretaries not strive to record *accurate, concise* and *informing* minutes as our contribution to a more efficient missionary body?

But indispensable as organization is, it is not paramount. It exists only to aid in producing the intangible results which no mortal *can* record, which Heaven alone doth know—the spiritual values that emanate from groups of praying, consecrated women "separated" unto missionary endeavor. God has honored the Women's General Missionary Society as the instrument of bringing into the Kingdom many of the Lord's Redeemed whose names are written in the Lamb's Book of Life.

No task in such an enterprise can be obscure.

Mrs. (Joseph S.) Mason.

Womens Missionary Magazine

THE *Womens Missionary Magazine* has hopes and aspirations for the future, and dreams of the time when every member of the Women's General Missionary Society will be a reader.

The children of this world, "wiser in their generation than the children of light" know how to keep their members informed. Organizations of a business, political or social nature include the Magazine in the membership fees or dues. To be sure there are no membership fees in our societies, but there are many large free-will offerings.

Is it too much to hope for the day when the Magazine shall be put in the budget and then sent to every home where there is a member of a missionary society? Instead of having one-third of our membership informed the total membership would know the details of the work they are helping to support. This would mean more interest, more prayers, more gifts. With a fully informed membership of 34,117 we would dare dream of a great advance in enlisting the other 60,000 women of the church in our missionary work.

Mrs. John P. White.

Suggested Devotional Service

For Program-Study on "Know Your Women's General Missionary Society"

By (Mrs. Chas. W.) ELSIE WEHLING FULTON

Devotional Theme for year beginning April, 1939: INSPIRING INFLUENCES

Inspiring Influence for June: The Christian Name—Acts 11:26.

Call to Worship: Phil. 2:5-11.

Song: Bible Songs Hymnal No. 147.

Scripture:

(1) Call of the first disciples—John 1:35-42.

(2) Call of Matthew—Luke 5: 27, 28.

(3) Call of Zacchaeus—Luke 19: 1-10.

(4) Call of Paul—Acts 26:13-19.

Leader: Christ commanded His disciples and followers to preach His Gospel to all the world, beginning at Jerusalem. Following the martyrdom of Stephen, there arose "a great persecution against the Church which was at Jerusalem; and they were all scattered abroad throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles." "Now they which were scattered abroad upon the persecution that arose about Stephen travelled as far as Phenice, and Cyprus, and Antioch, preaching the Word." At Antioch they preached the Gospel with such power and success that "a great number believed and turned unto the Lord" and it is stated in the Scripture that "the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch."

The followers of Christ in Antioch had evidently attracted attention to themselves. They differed from others in some important particulars. There was need of a word or a name to designate them accurately. They were given the name *Christian* which meant a follower of Christ or one like Christ. Whether this name was intended as a reproach or an honor may not be definitely determined. The Church of Christ, however, accepted the name and regarded it as an honor. It has ever been an inspiring influence, for those who bear it, to exemplify what it signifies in daily life.

This story, from ancient days, is told: There was once a great and brave general in the East who had in his army a common soldier who bore the same name as himself, but who was a great coward. The general called this soldier before him and, after reminding him of his name and his cowardice, said "Either be like me, or change your name." Those who bear the name *Christian* should exemplify its meaning or change their name.

Prayer: For the work of the W.G. M.S. and for its members that they may put first things first. (See 1, 2, 3, 12, 13 Days in Prayer Cycle.)

Prayer Poem:

"We thank Thee, Lord, Thy paths of service lead
To blazoned heights and down the slopes of need;
They reach Thy throne, encompass land and sea,
And he who journeys in them walks with Thee.

"We've sought and found Thee in the secret place
And marveled at the radiance of Thy face;
But often in some far off Galilee
Beheld Thee fairer yet while serving Thee.

"We've seen Thy glory like a mantle spread
O'er hill and dale in saffron flame and red;
But in the eyes of men, redeemed and free,
A splendor greater yet while serving Thee.

Song: B. S. H. No. 3.

Dr. D. L. Askren

By MRS. RACHEL SEIVER, Fayoum, Egypt

IN the remotest village in the province of Fayoum there was always one name known, one person whose skill in healing was famed in the farthermost places and that was Dr. Askren. Truly his loss will be felt by old and young, rich and poor in every place. On every side we hear people say, "What shall we do now? To whom shall we go? No one can ever fill his place. What a great loss we have suffered!" It is indeed difficult to think of the Fayoum without our good friend, Dr. Askren. His interests were varied. For about thirty-five years he intimately shared in the civic and social life of the people besides bringing to them the ministry of healing. He was renowned for his honesty and charity. So many times we have heard people say, "Dr. Askren will always tell the truth. Others will deceive us just to get our money, but Dr. Askren, never." The poor found in him one who was always ready to help them and the poorest peasant received the same kindly treatment and careful advice as the richest patient. The church, too, has lost in him a member who was ready to help in every way.

We, his fellow workers, will miss his cheerful kindliness, his friendly advice and ready help. His wide acquaintance in official circles, his knowledge of the customs and thinking of the people were always a help and his advice was sought on every hand and readily given. His house was always open to his friends who would listen for hours to his tales of his early days here. On one occasion he told of being called to the house of a notable who was suffering from acute appendicitis and an immediate operation was necessary. It was not until he was sewing up the patient that he noticed that two sons of the latter were pointing guns at him through a partly open window and had been doing so throughout the whole operation.

He was untiring in his work and even the day he was taken to the hospital, when he was weak and ill, he was visiting patients in the homes and meeting those who had come to his clinic. But now he had heard the Master's voice saying, "Well done good and faithful servant" and has left this sphere of work for a higher one. The influence of his life and service will remain in the lives of many, especially in the Fayoum where he served so long and well. In his going everyone feels he has lost a true friend.

VICTORY OVER DEATH

"Blow, golden trumpets, sweet and clear,
Blow soft upon the perfumed air;
Bid the sad earth to join our song,
'To Christ does victory belong!'

"Oh, let the winds your message bear
To every heart of grief and care;
Sound through the world the joyful lay,
'Our Christ hath conquered Death today!' "

We Go Out with Miss Henrietta Moore and Her Bible Women

By MRS. HARRIET S. BOOBYER

THE dust is thick even in the streets as we leave the compound in Rawalpindi. The tongas, the bicycles and buffaloes keep us watchful of our steps, interested as we are in the sights and passers-by.

The Bible Woman stops before a closed gate in a high wall and knocks, a voice answers and we push aside the matting curtain and enter a courtyard. The buffalo and sheep are tethered at one side, the children run everywhere.

The usual rope beds are sitting out in the sun and on these the two married daughters and two little girls squat while we visit, but chairs are brought for us. An aged grandfather, (his beard dyed red as is the custom of Muslim men when they become gray), the grandmother, aged and shriveled, and her equally aged sister who is visiting her sit in the dust about us. This is Friday, the Muslim sacred day, and the women have been oiling and combing their hair. The little girls' plaits have braided into the ends the gay yarn balls which take the place of hair ribbons. A little boy dressed quite neatly in European clothes, evidently the "darling" of the family, comes in from school and gets a stalk of sugar cane to chew—his after-school snack. Dirty cords around his neck hold sacred charms to keep the evil spirits away. An older son sits off at one side, trying to look bored with "women's chatter" but betraying by his expression his keen interest as the Bible Woman tells with great earnestness and dramatic expression, the story of the prodigal son. The women listen and make their observations, the grandfather moves closer. Miss Moore gives some explanation and leads the singing, her shining face (and such a frail form!) seems like a benediction in this place. The love of God the Father for his sons (and daughters) wandering in a "far country" of sin and superstition seem symbolized in her. One prays that into these lives who know not Christ the Son, may come a knowledge of Him to bring forgiveness of sin, and life eternal.

We rise to go but the women and even the aged grandfather catch us by the hands and urge us to stay—they want us to have something to eat with them. We have a good reason, though, to go for we want to make other calls and so make our escape, as one might phrase it, though not unkindly, with their goodbyes ringing in our ears.

We go further on to a Christian home, where the women bring out their "zaburs" (Psalm books) and sing. Again Scripture is read, and a story reviewed and a new one told. The light of witness is dim, perhaps, in this home, in this village, but who am I—from a land where every opportunity, every encouragement is for Christian living—who am I to question the witness of these in an atmosphere of sin degradation and active hostility and persecution? They shame me.

"Better Health Week" In Assiut

Propaganda For Personal Hygiene (From Our Correspondent) Assiut.

DIRECTED by the American Mission Hospital, assisted by local physicians and surgeons, the Assiut communities united in celebrating Assiut Better Health Week. Displays and programmes began on Monday, October 17, and conclude today.

Tuesday was special visiting day, and many of Assiut's leading citizens took advantage of the opportunity to see the Hospital's equipment and work. Visitors were welcomed at the front entrance by members of the Hospital medical staff, and began their tour of inspection immediately with the office and records room, followed by the X-Ray room.

Points of greatest interest were the Babies' Room, Operating and Sterilizing Rooms, Nurses' Class Room, and the Laboratories. In these last rooms is centered some of the most important work of the Hospital. Modern and up-to-date equipment enables the clinical staff to do detailed interpretation work and pathology, as well as ordinary general laboratory analysis.

It is the policy of the Hospital to cooperate with local doctors to the fullest extent possible, and every physician in Assiut is cordially invited to make use of the Hospital's laboratories in his diagnosis and treatment.

In a large tent were prepared several exhibits, pictures, and experiments pertaining to general hygiene and public health. White rats, placed on various diets of Egyptian food, provided living proof of the most effective combinations of foodstuffs available.

Tour of the exhibits was followed by a benefit tea provided by the ladies of the Hospital staff assisted by ladies of the local Egyptian, English and American communities. Mme. Habib Bey Doss, Mme. Azr. Bey Gebran, Mrs. Arthur Godwin, and others helped in entertaining the many guests.

A cinema in the exhibition tent followed the tea. It was on the general subject of health, and was planned to offer an introduction to another cinema which was shown yesterday through the courtesy of the Department of Public Health.

DR. SALAAMA'S ADDRESS

At 8:15 Tuesday night there was an address in the same tent by Dr. Anis Salaama on Acute Heart Failure. Dr. Salaama is a recognized authority on this subject and is a member of the staff of Kasr-el-Aini Hospital and Medical School in Cairo.

Following Dr. Salaama's address leading local and visiting physicians were entertained at dinner at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Amin Megalli. Dr. Amin Megalli is one of the leading eye specialists of Egypt.

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How The Circle Plan Works at the Bibanga Leper Camp

By JULIA LAKE, KELLERSBERGER, Bibanga Congo, Belge

BEFORE the Circle Plan of the Woman's Auxiliary was adopted at the Bibanga Leper Camp, in Central Africa, the meetings were conducted by one leper woman whose strong personality dominated the whole group. She was the most "highly educated" of the 250 women who had contracted the terrible disease of leprosy having had actually enough brains to have finished the third grade. Most African women are taught that they, the goats, and the pigs, have the same degree of intelligence. It is really a miracle that a woman learns to read at all, with her mind dulled by long days filled with drab druggery and her body a pathological laboratory of several tropical diseases at one time. She usually enters the classroom with a crying baby at her skirts and a nursing baby in her arms. The baby is nursed to sleep by the droning of the A.B.C.'s, while the older child amuses herself by tearing off bits of the dog-eared Congo primer. Moombo, the leper leader, was truly the "Chiefest Among Ten Thousand" as she had overcome all of these obstacles and could actually read God's Word. As many as a dozen others among the leper group could also read a little. They were all baptized, earnest Christian women, so they were the ones chosen for Circle leaders, two for each street in the leper village.

How many of you have ever grown discouraged in teaching your highly educated, cultured Circle Chairmen? If you need encouragement take a month's vacation. Engage an ocean passage on the "Queen Mary", and make your air reservations over "The Imperial Airways" from Europe to Central Africa. You can reach Bibanga station, via the clouds, in less than a week. Spend a week with us and return in time for your next Circle meeting. You will then be able to explain the setting and the methods used at our "Auxiliary Training School" for leper women. Benches are placed out under the shade of the palms, where a refreshing breeze rustles the lacy fronds. The burning sun makes golden pools out of the silver lakes in the valley below, while the clumps of deep, dark forest trees growing by these springs of living waters furnish an oasis pleasant to the eye as it scans the low ranges of hills on the horizon with their fascinating lights and shades. Suddenly spires of grey smoke arise simultaneously from several hillocks, mingling indistinctly with low hanging grey clouds, like the incense of altar fires arising heavenward. There is a rustling among the tall grass on the edge of the ridge where you are standing and a long snake of brilliant green glides gracefully by. Two little eyes are watching this enemy from the tall grass and as soon as the danger is past a small field rat (which the lepers love to eat) hurries home to safety. The ground is covered with tiny burrows

and the mystery of them is revealed when a fuzzy, blind mole disappears into one of them. An African "jackal" sits on his haunches and gazes at these strange, white people who have descended from the sky in the stomach of such a large bird. We are really disappointed that there are no fiercer animals to combat, but hearing that a great lion was killed only a few miles away we suddenly become satisfied with the lesser creatures that frequent the bush at our feet, and with the tiny songsters that are flying about us so awkwardly, trying to balance their long tails which are twice the length of their graceful little bodies.

It is in this setting that the training of our circle leaders takes place. While our eyes take in this scene of almost breath-taking tropical beauty, our ears are listening to their cracked voices as they sing over and over again the new song and repeat many times the Bible verse for the afternoon. They study aloud, syllable by syllable and then pour out their hearts to God in prayer for the Holy Spirit's interpretation of it and for strength to teach. For several hours they sit on backless benches, under the open sky repeating line upon line, learning precept upon precept. Stinging ants swarm over their bare feet and a merciless sun beats down upon their bare heads, but they pay no attention to such discomforts so intent are they upon the task that lies before them. Friday has been set aside by them for the Lord's work; the morning spent in learning; the afternoon, in teaching.

A bell rings long and loud, followed by a second and a third. As the clock points to the hour of three the women appear in the doorway of almost every small hut, while others mysteriously arrive from nowhere, perhaps out of the tall grass, or from behind a great tree where they had been resting. Once . . . twice . . . thrice . . . very slowly, the last bell rings. Instantaneously from every street a chorus of song arises, from the groups as they sit on the bare ground beneath the shade. A new song is sung; a new verse with potent meaning is committed to memory, for His Word will not return unto Him void; a simple lesson is taught and each heart is lifted to God in prayer and thanksgiving. Embrionic leaders are getting practice and experience and many ignorant leper women are learning how to hide God's Word in their hearts that they might not sin against Him.

There are no refreshments served, and no after chatter over the teacups when the meeting is over, for each woman has to rush home to beat the cassava root into flour and to gather the sticks with which to cook it over a hurried camp fire, for her hungry husband's supper. There are no other attractions but God's Word and fellowship with God's simple-hearted people, but a visit to one of these group meetings on each street in the leper village, will put new courage into your heart and new ambition to go forward in His Word.

Here is the last report:

Total membership, 251; total present on an ordinary week, 219; 242 women were present at the last open meeting. How do these reports compare with yours?

Good News from Far Countries

India

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THEIR CAMP AND OUR CAMP

By MISS MARY KYLE, Pasrur, India

Last week our camp came to Qila. The children were all excited to see the big camp come. It was almost as good as a circus. There were two big tents for the missionaries, a smaller tent for the Bible Women and a few other little tents. In one of these the cook made such strange dishes for these white people. The children would like to watch the cooking, but the cook made them stand back, as this strange food had to be kept clean. Then they would run away to the Bible Women's tent where they were always welcome. It was such fun to watch the tents pitched the day they arrived. Some of the Christian men came out from the village to help, and even the children were allowed to put the pegs around where a man would drive them in and tie the ropes.

The camp was pitched beside our Mission Girls' School, just outside the door that leads into the school yard. Such a pretty school yard it is, with its trees and flowers. The peach tree was in blossom and the sweet peas and the beautiful yellow flowers, that the Indian people like so much, were in full bloom. The school yard is kept as clean as a house. The school girls sit on mats spread on the ground in the winter. Sitting in the sunshine is so much more comfortable than in the cold school house.

On the opposite side of the road was another camp. It had no nice white tents. This was a camp without tent pegs. The poles were bent each end of which was stuck into the ground. Over these arches were coverings made of cloth or mats. The tents were not very high so there was no room for beds or chairs. The people who occupy these tents sleep and sit on the ground. The men make baskets for winnowing grain; the women carry the baskets to nearby villages and sell them. There is a good sale for them as one of these is a household necessity. They had chickens and dogs and goats in their camp. The chickens visited our camp every day. The dogs came sometimes and the goats stayed at home.

It was the people in whom we were particularly interested. The children spent much time across the road at our camp. Little Bibi became quite a friend. She would slip quietly into the tent and stand inside the door until some one saw her and told her to sit down. If one were busy she did not ask to be entertained. She would sit so still one would forget she was there. Her bright eyes saw every thing in the tent but she touched nothing. She learned Bible stories and songs readily. The two camps were so close together that one could hear what was being said in the other camp. One night the Bible Woman heard Bibi's mother ask the children what they had learned at our camp. They recited verses and told a story then began to sing softly. The mother said, "Sing louder, I want to hear."

The women often came over to our tent. They felt we had some bonds in common, we were all campers and after their camp they, too, would return to Pasrur. They listened to the message of salvation with interest. They admitted their need of a saviour. The desire of our hearts is that they might accept our Saviour and find all of their needs

met in Him.

Many roving tribes in India are beggars. These are not. Our pastor tells us that they are hard working people that give trouble to no one. They certainly gave us no trouble. As our camp moved away they told us how sorry they were to see us go. Our coming had brightened their drab lives. Would that they might accept the Sun of Righteousness and walk in His light!

ALL INDIA WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

A Part of the Report Taken from The Statesman **(An Indian Paper) December 30.**

The 13th session of the All-India Women's Conference opened on Wednesday evening at the Town Hall in Queen's Garden, Delhi, in the presence of a large and distinguished gathering of men and women.

The proceedings opened with a welcome song by the girls of the Lady Irwin College. Rajkumari Amrit Kaur,* the retiring President, and the Honorable Mrs. Vijayalakshmi Pandit, who is a Vice-President of the Conference, then introduced the new President, Rani Lakshmibai Rajwade, to the audience in two short speeches. There was a tribute in recognition of the services rendered by the retiring President, Rajkumari Amrit Kaur. "Her great abilities and sincerity of purpose, her indefatigable industry, her innate courtesy and the enthusiasm with which she has worked throughout the year, have proved of immense help to us, while the international reputation she has won as one of the most devoted workers of our generation for the uplift of women has enhanced the prestige of our Conference in India and abroad."

Presidential Address

Then followed the presidential address of Rani Lakshmibai Rajwade. She reminded her audience that in the decade that had gone by since the Conference last met in this great city, a period of years extraordinarily eventful and crowded in India, the Conference had very rapidly increased from more or less academic discussions over educational and social reform to active agitation and the creation of institutions, funds and working centers, by an organization now comprising 148 branches scattered all over British India and the Indian States.

In the field of education also she said it was necessary to undertake concrete work on a large scale. Young people, especially girls, should be invited and even morally compelled to put in at least a year's service in literary work in towns and villages after the completion of their school or college course. She cited the example of China where a literacy drive was enthusiastically helped by bands of young women. She suggested that widowed women who were compelled to seek employment should turn to teaching and that other women who had leisure should offer their services voluntarily for the same purpose. She pointed out that education was only part of the vaster work of rural reconstruction in its real sense and that effective village work required the continuous presence of a trained worker.

In social reform she considered legislation very often led to bitterness and that voluntary and propagandist work was a more effective weapon. Social hygiene, personal hygiene, sanitation, care of children, nutrition, health, thrift, family life, recreations, social intercourse, prohibition, *swadeshi*, citizenship, these she said could be successfully accomplished only through personal contact, through intimacy, through gentle but persistent preaching and example.

Much active work has been done towards the removal of illiteracy and the spread of education, both in villages and towns. Several of the women's constituencies of the Conference had given help in the starting

* Raj Kamari Amrit Kaur, the retiring President, is a Christian.

of village schools where children were given free primary education. From schools for Harijans opened by them had gone forth many pupils after a successful course in sewing, domestic science and hygiene. Practical knowledge on subjects of sanitation and hygiene by way of magic lantern shows had been imparted to many villagers.

The social work of the Conference during the year had been extensive and constructive. Meetings had been organized in various centers for educating public opinion in support of the principles underlying social legislation on subjects like divorce, polygamy and the legal disabilities of women. Exhibitions of the products of agriculture and of various industries such as home-craft, painting, leatherwork, clay-modelling, needlework and embroidery, as well as health exhibitions had been successfully organized in several places. Considerable attention had been paid to maternity and child welfare, and clinics providing free medical treatment, and in some cases free milk and clothing, had been established at some centers. The insanitary condition of certain schools and mill areas had been tackled by a few health committees. An interesting experiment calculated to abolish *purdah* was the formation of a "family circle" in one constituency with a view to promoting inter-communal friendship and inculcating a healthy sense of freedom among the sexes and to encourage sport.

The proceedings of the day came to an end with a vote of thanks proposed by Mrs. Sarojini Naidu. In very humorous vein she ranged over a number of institutions and individuals who had not spared themselves in connection with the present Conference. She made special mention of Mrs. Asaf Ali, the Secretary of the Reception Committee, and Rajkumari Amrit Kaur she put forward as a wonderful example of what a dedicated life can be. The President, Rani Lakshmibai Rajwade, she called the "spirit of India," an epithet which Mrs. Sarojini Naidu herself had used 25 years ago when she met the Rani on one occasion in Bombay.

YEARS OF PROGRESS

The following is a part of a letter from Miss M. I. W. Hermiston of the M. E. Mission which gives added comments on this remarkable Conference.—Editor.

The All-India Women's Conference is the acknowledged advocate of the women of India, without any distinction of creed, caste or class. It has a membership of over eight thousand, five hundred. At the Conference there were about two hundred delegates. The old complaint that the Conference was confined to the leisured society ladies appears no longer to be true, for the delegates were mostly doctors, teachers and public workers.

The first session was held in the quadrangle of the Municipal Hall. What a varied, animated and picturesque sight it presented full to overflowing as it was with delegates and visitors from all parts of India in their flowing and colorful garments. Overhead was a cloth canopy upheld by pillars decorated with evergreens and marigolds. Men, too, crowded in to participate in the great opening meeting, even occupying seats on the platform. Several press photographers were there, and numerous reporters.

What a different picture it all presented from the Session held in Delhi ten years before! I was present then too, and remember seeing only one man there, and he was a reporter sitting up in the gallery with his back to the platform so that he should not see the women!

An amplifier was installed for the women were determined to hear. At times if it did not work properly, or if a speaker did not use it, there would be cries of "We can't hear." Again I contrasted this Session with

the one of ten years ago, when there was no amplifier and the women's low voices got no farther than the first few rows. The audience then did not seem to care particularly whether they heard or not, but seemed much more interested in each other.

For the uplift of untouchable women they propose to call upon Municipalities to provide suitable quarters, maternity benefits and to press for their participation in festivals with caste Hindus.

It is a very fine thing, and an example to the men, that these women of different religions—Hindu, Mohammedan, Sikh, Parsee and Christian—are working together so well for the uplift of women in India.

The Conference wishes the Child Marriage Restraint Act amended so as to make it less easy to break this law which seeks to prevent child marriage. They are backing the bill which would abolish the dowry system in the sense of "Bridegroom price and bride price." Also they are supporting another Bill which would give Hindu women the right to divorce their husbands, and another on Monogamy.

The members were asked to help to their utmost capacity in those areas where prohibition has come in, and then prepare the ground in both town and country for the rapid extension of this necessary reform. Also they were urged to see that the various branches make sure that prohibition schemes for each province or State include due restriction of opium and other dangerous drugs, and make representation and carry on effective agitation by means of public meetings and propaganda through newspapers.

I felt that the women were tremendously in earnest. Not only were the numbers greater than ten years ago, but the interest and enthusiasm were much greater. They are determined to see that the women in India have their rights. They have a "long row to hoe" and it won't be easy, for there is so much of age-long custom and prejudice to be combated. However, judging by the progress they have made in the short space of ten years, and the enthusiasm and determination that are theirs, one can easily say that the next ten years are going to see tremendous strides made.

INTERRUPTIONS

No radio or telephone
To mar my peaceful days
But somehow interruptions
Come in several different ways.

I start to take the *dhobi-wash*
The *bearer* brings a *chit;*
And then the *dhobi* has to wait
The while I answer it.

A school boy comes to buy a book,
The *sahib* isn't home;
So then it is the *memsahib*
Who looks it up for him.

I try to write a letter,
The *mali* comes to say
A cow got in the garden
And ate the peas today.

And if I want to take a nap,
Which really is much needed,
The calls come in so thick and fast
They simply must be heeded.

I should dress and reach a meeting
In just thirty minutes flat,
So then all four children
Seek advice on this and that.

No radio or telephone,
No clamoring door bell;
But somehow interruptions
Seem to reach me just as well.

By *Virginia Parker*

Dedicated to Mrs. R. R. Stewart.

WORD MEANINGS

dhobi-wash—laundry
chit—note
dhobi—laundry man
sahib—mister
memsahib—Mrs.
mali—gardener

Ethiopia

MISS RUTH M. NICHOL, Editor, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

CHRISTMAS AT ADDIS ABABA

By MISS RUTH C. BEATTY, R.N.,
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In America several weeks before Christmas people begin making plans as to how they will spend the holiday season. Christmas is the most outstanding day of the year. But in Ethiopia except among the Christians, this day is scarcely known, for many of the people do not know its real meaning.

In Ethiopia the missionaries have two Christmas days. The first is celebrated the twenty-fifth of December and the second about two weeks later.

This year, on Sabbath afternoon we met for our Christmas service, in the chapel of the hospital. There were present British, Swedish, Armenian, Greek, Amhara and Galla friends who united with us in the service. The language used was English except the songs which the school children sang in Amharic. The splendid message of the afternoon was brought by Mr. Dawson of the English Consulate. His subject was, "God's Way to An End." God began with a helpless babe and ended with a Christ in Glory. Sabbath evening the compound group of missionaries sat around the fireside singing Christmas carols.

Monday morning at 7 o'clock while the people in America were still in dreamland, all except Mr. Henry, who had left for Egypt on a vacation, gathered around the radio, where we were having breakfast together. We had slight hopes of hearing some good Christmas music over the air, but we had brought the victrola in case there was nothing on the radio. It was a fortunate thing that we did as there seemed to be nothing on the short wave except some jazz music.

At 9 o'clock we met at the Henry's. We had been very good and kept our Christmas gifts until Monday morning when we could enjoy them together. Little Bobby Cremer scarcely knew which gift to open first.

At noon we had dinner at the school with Miss Nichol and Miss Faught. I am sure no one in America could have enjoyed his Christmas dinner any more than we did. In the evening our day was brought to a close with supper at the Cremers. After supper "white elephant" gifts were distributed to those for whom they were intended. As they were opened they afforded much amusement. After this time of fun, we sang carols as the tree was being lighted, and the happy day was closed with evening prayers.

The natives were undecided as to the exact day of their Christmas. Some said it was Friday and others said Saturday, January the seventh. Every year it has been a custom to give a feast to all the natives and their families connected with the mission station. This year an ox was bought at the market. As he was a fierce animal it required several men to bring him home. The day for the feast was set for Thursday. Since Wednesday was a fast day, except for the evangelical Christians, those fasting would not according to their belief, be permitted to eat meat that was prepared on a fast day. So on Thursday morning before daybreak, a number of the boys came to kill the ox. As there is much work connected with making the native food there was still much to be done to the meat after the ox was killed. It must be cut up in tiny pieces and cooked several hours before it is tender. The onions, butter and seasoning are prepared separately, before they are added to the meat, which is

then cooked more. The very delicious sauce which some of us enjoy very much is sometimes cooked for half a day. Every one who was able to work was given something to do. To the women fell the task of making the native bread.

In one of the large rooms of the service department, three long tables were set with places for one hundred and fifty, but when Miss Nichol's school girls, the workmen, hospital helpers, and house boys and their families all arrived it was necessary for some of the little boys and girls to go into two small rooms. These enjoyed themselves even better than they would, had they been in the room with the grown ups. Some of the missionaries had borrowed dresses from some of the native women for the occasion. As they left the dining hall each one was given an envelope in which was enclosed a little gift of money. All seemed to have a good time judging from the way they ate.

The next day the school children gave a Christmas program in the chapel. For several weeks Miss Nichol had been making preparations for this program. She had prepared the Christmas message as a pageant in song and story of the birth of our Saviour. As the pageant progressed some of the older members of the compound recited the part of the Bible story as an introduction to that part of the pageant. Even though many of the children were quite small they seemed to enter into the real spirit of the story.

A box partly filled with hay served as the cradle. On the platform beside the cradle sat Joseph and Mary, perhaps very much as years ago the real Joseph and Mary watched over the Christ Child who was born in a manger in the little town of Bethlehem. At the close of the program three little boys dressed as kings came up the aisle of the church with their gifts, singing, "We Three Kings Of Orient Are." Their voices blended together quite well. One by one they presented their gifts and when they had finished left the church by the opposite aisle from the one they had entered.

It was a very impressive service. That evening most of the little girls went to their homes for their Christmas vacation. I am sure one of the things they talked about in their homes and with their friends was the story of the birth of the little Lord Jesus, who began as a helpless babe and is now our Christ in Glory.

NEWS NOTES

The whole mission group has been greatly inspired and encouraged by the presence of one of our Sayo evangelists. He comes with a most thrilling report of the continuance and development of the work in that western province. In six different places in that district Christians are meeting together and it is estimated that altogether some one thousand six hundred are hearing the gospel on the Lord's Day. This young evangelist has been the leader of the other evangelists and has now come to Addis Ababa to be ordained that the work may continue in an orderly fashion and the people enjoy the privileges of the sacraments. We shall report more fully at another time about this good news, but meanwhile let us be encouraged, rejoice, and be challenged more than ever to faithful prayer for these who have struggled so bravely for the continuance of the spread of the gospel.

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School attendance reached a real peak just before the Christmas holidays with an even sixty pupils. This means full house for the limited quarters here, but such is exactly the way we enjoy having it. The regular Christmas recess was not given this year, because of the un-

certainty of the future, and the desire to give the girls the advantage of every possible day.

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Though Gerald Lee Cremer is only eight months old, we feel that news of him ought to burst into print, because he presents something very unique in the Addis Ababa mission family—red hair! It has been a great question and matter for discussion in past months, but now it is a matter of indisputable fact and reality.

The Sudan

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DAYS OF REJOICING

By MISS AULORA McINTYRE, Wad Medani, The Sudan

The work here has opened up in a phenomenal way. Counting out the vacations of two months and the two Ramadan Feasts at which times we had our Teachers' Institutes, we have been at work twelve months and the work has multiplied five and a half times; that is, from 35 pupils to 185, with 11 more names to be added next month.

There are three teachers now, all very good, which accounts in part for the rapid growth of the work. Another reason is the absence of any kind of work for girls and women except the C.M.S. School, which has a capacity of 200 and which is located about a mile from where the masses live. There is a Government school for girls, but it seems that parents do not want to send their daughters there.

There are 50,000 people in Wad Medani and numerous villages within easy reach, making a community of 200,000. Had we the teachers we could reach many of these villages.

One interesting feature of our work is that so many older girls will gather for a lesson, eager to learn to read. It is amazing how these illiterate girls understand the Scriptural language. After a story has been read, the teacher questions the girls and their intelligent answers show that they have understood the Arabic in which the Bible is written. Thus we are preparing all these young women to read the Word of God for themselves.

AT HOME IN NASIR*

By MRS. V. M. DOUGHERTY

At last we are settled in our new home. We arrived in Khartum in time for the meeting of the Sudan Mission. We found these meetings most helpful and inspiring. Dr. and Mrs. Taylor were present and we all appreciated having them with us.

You know the long trip from Khartum to Nasir. It isn't so far in miles—706 by the river route, but it took us twelve days to make the trip and we traveled at night, except for two nights when there were storms. We arrived just two months after we had left our home in Oklahoma City, so you may be sure we were glad to reach a place called "home" again.

The banks were lined with people to welcome Miss Smith, Mr. Adair and ourselves. Ellen Smith came up to visit her parents for a little while before beginning her work in Omdurman.

I wish you could see this house as we have it arranged now. We find it well suited to this hot climate, but with so many windows I never feel very private.

We like it here and Dr. Dougherty is happy to be back in the work. The Hafir Steamer is due today bringing Miss Huffman, who has been off on a short vacation. We can hardly

* From a personal letter.

wait for it to arrive, as we shall have some letters from the two children in American and the two who are in Egypt in the Schutz School. Sometimes it is three weeks between these mail boats.

Today sixteen boys and two girls were baptized. I cannot begin to tell you what an impressive service it was and how reverent the people were through it all. I wish we might have had a picture of these young people as they stood up to receive baptism. These have all been in the Inquirers' Class for a time, receiving special instruction. Truly this was a wonderful day in our church in Nasir.

Egypt

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WHAT NEXT?

Experiences of ELIZABETH KINNEAR and FRANCES PATTON in Mansura

Life is never monotonous in Egypt especially when one is dealing with workmen and servants and school patrons. We had an unusual number of adjustments this autumn as we were moving part of the school into roomier quarters. The carpenter who was summoned to put on new locks arrived from his shop nearby in a very excited condition, saying his baby had been kidnapped and he must go to look for her. He suspected a beggar woman who came to their poor little home every morning and was given bread. Some children in the street thought they had seen her with the baby. As he knew the woman lived in a special colony on the edge of the city called "The Village of the Beggars," (all professionals, of course) he asked the police to go with him. After a few hours he came back happy, with the news that they had found the child quite safe. The beggar woman had only wanted money, so the police said he had better give her fifty cents and he had done so! He seemed to see nothing strange in such a procedure.

The teachers were able to move to better quarters when the flat formerly rented was vacated. (This was considerably delayed because the renters could not find another place which satisfied them, and then they moved very deliberately by hand and on foot, the chicken coop going the first day and a few curtain rods the next.) The teachers had not had a bath tub before, only a shower and a shallow tin basin. We were astounded to find that some of them were violently opposed to the idea of using a bath tub. They said it was not proper for them all to use it as they were not one family! It seems the right way to bathe satisfactorily is to sit on a chair under a shower. And we had thought that in providing a tub we were giving them more than the comforts of home!

One of our Coptic neighbors has been a great trial here in the school. Because she can not get her children in free in their own schools, she brings them to us and demands very special rates, though she is not really poor. We worried along with two of the girls but it was a continual struggle to get any of their tuition, so when she appeared with a third girl this fall we refused to accept her. The mother went away after a long argument and we thought the subject was closed. A few days later a Jewish neighbor woman called on Mr. Kinnear, saying she wanted to put her daughter in school. She thought he should help her because she had once allowed him to take a picture of the mission building from her balcony. He could not make the arrangements, naturally, but he told her when to

come to the school office. When she appeared our Coptic neighbor was with her and the child was the same one we had turned away a few days previously! We said, "This is not your daughter." She said, "Yes, she is mine." We turned to the other woman,—"This is your girl whom you brought here before." Then they knew the game was up and they said, "Never mind, never mind. Please take her in for the Lord's sake." But such a trick did not soften our hearts at all.

This year we decided to invest in a modern refrigerator run by kerosene. We reveled in ice cubes and cold desserts until suddenly it went on strike. We could not discover the trouble, but the servant secretly decided on a remedy. That evening he came in triumphantly to announce that the refrigerator would be all right now as he had visited the old Sheikh down town who makes charms against disease and trouble. We were amused at the idea of that ignorant old man attempting to work a charm on modern machinery but imagine how we felt in the morning when we found the refrigerator buzzing away, perfectly all right again! The servant wanted to know then how much money we were going to send to Sheikh Hassanein. We still feel we haven't convinced him that it was just a conincidence.

One of the most encouraging things that has happened in a long time is the voluntary request of some of our graduates for a special Bible class. They are now in a government secondary school and they find there an atmosphere of profanity and rudeness very different from the Christian school where they grew up. They are coming on a free afternoon to study the Bible and have brought several of their new Muslim school mates with them! Last Thursday when we got out our Bibles one of the new girls

The picture of the Mission Building, taken from the Jewish neighbor's balcony.

asked what they were. Another Moslem girl from our last year's graduating class said, "That's the book we get our manners out of!" They began to read the First Commandment, as we are following the Sabbath School lessons, and the first speaker exclaimed, "Why, that means God is One. We believe that. But we didn't know you did." So we had a splendid opening for a very happy hour's study.

Please pray for us always that we may be ready for any of the various surprising situations that came up in a day's work.

THE WOMEN'S GENERAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY—ITS RESPONSIBILITIES

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of whom are elected annually. Like every business corporation, this one is required to have an annual meeting. The voting members are chosen from each presbyterial in proportion to the number of societies within the presbyterial, also the Officers, Board of Directors, Life Members and Life Directors.

The charter also states that the purpose of the annual meeting is to receive the annual reports of the secretaries and treasurer of the Board of Directors, of committees in charge of the Magazines, and to consult and adopt such measures as shall further the cause of Missions in our own and other lands.

For many years the annual meeting convened on Tuesday evening, continued two whole days, and adjourned before noon on Friday. But as the number of delegates increased and more of our missionaries were invited to this annual meeting, the time of opening was changed to Friday evening and the sessions continued through the following Tuesday. This change afforded additional time, after the required reports and business, for hearing the fascinating stories of our missionaries as they only can portray them.

In this organization there are 46,316 members in America, 2404 in India, 3,697 in Egypt, and 46 in The Sudan. Thus 52,463 women, young women, and Juniors are marching forward in His Name and carrying out His commission: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature; And lo, I am with you always even unto the end of the world." May we be faithful in His service.

"No service in itself is small:
None great, though earth it fill;
But that is small that seeks its own,
And great that seeks God's will.
Then hold our hand, most gracious God;
Guide all our goings still;
And let it be our life's one aim
To know and do Thy will."

The President's Page

"This is the Victory that overcometh the world, even our faith." Is any sort of faith able to achieve victory, or must our faith meet a certain standard, before it can have many victories to its credit?

We remember that one day when some of Jesus' disciples had been unsuccessful in overcoming an evil spirit that was tormenting a little boy, and the disciples asked Jesus why they had not been able to cure him, Jesus replied, "This kind cometh not out but by prayer and fasting." Prayer and fasting! the expression of a self-sacrificing, self-forgetful faith.

Last week-end, a team from the Madras Missionary Conference visited us in Denver. It seemed that "Jesus of Nazareth was passing through." The members told us that great victories for Christ are being won today in other lands. There are thirty million Christians now in non-Christian countries. Dr. Manikan, of India, said that not since Pentecost had there been a movement toward Christ comparable to that in India now. People are being baptized at the rate of four hundred a day. But in America! even our own beloved United Presbyterian Church lost in membership last year in the United States. Is our faith of the hot-house variety that we should be more concerned about losing our rights of democracy and of religious freedom, than we are about abiding faithful, whether in privilege, or in stress and persecution?

We missionary women of our church want a faith that will match that of the Christians in India, and in Germany, and in China today; a faith that does not have to be coddled with ease and security in order to operate. God grant that we may not have to be goaded by persecution before we consent to wear the whole armor of God.

Suppose we measure our faith alongside that of the Syro-Phoenician mother, an unprivileged Caananitish woman. Notice the rebuffs. Her first earnest plea is ignored: "He answered her not a word." "I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel." Undaunted, she worships Him, saying, "Lord, help me." The answer seems nothing short of an insult: "It is not meet to take the children's bread and cast it to the dogs." But this matchless woman draws this sword from her breast, and uses it, in her cause. "True, Lord; yet the dogs eat of the crumbs that fall from their Master's table." Then, our Lord can restrain his joy no longer, but cries out, "O woman, great is thy faith. Be it unto thee even as thou wilt."

Oh, that we may hear those words at the Grinnell Convention in June. Do we expect them?

Mrs. Rose Chappell, Second Vice President of the Women's General Missionary Society.

Editorial

MRS. JOHN P. WHITE, Editor, 600 Hampton Ave., Pittsburgh, (21) Pa.

AN OPEN LETTER

Miss Uneeda Magazine
Somewhere in the United States

My dear Friend:

I have been happy to learn that you are a newly elected officer in your society. I am sure that you will want to give the very best service possible to the society that has honored you by placing you in a position of leadership.

Perhaps when you found yourself elected you were for a little time rather overcome by a feeling of responsibility and your first question was Where can I find help? I should like to answer your query. Fifty-two years ago the Women's General Missionary Society, which was then in its infancy realized the necessity of having some way of getting information to the members and at the same time providing helps for officers. To meet this need *The Womens Missionary Magazine* was started. There is no other source where this much needed information can be so effectively secured. Every officer must of necessity have the Magazine. In fact it is impossible to carry on the work of a society without the Magazine in the hands of every officer.

I have observed many officers trying to get along without the Magazine and have seen them very much handicapped. You would be surprised how many times these women will write to me asking questions which should go to Board members, and which are already answered in their respective departments. Sometimes I am even asked for the addresses of Board members. These are always to be found on the inside cover. Some send the money for leaflets to the Magazine Treasurer and again some send Magazine subscriptions to the Literature Secretary. Indeed some still send subscriptions to Xenia, Ohio. Fortunately the Post Office at Xenia knows our address. I want you to be saved from such errors: I want you to be a "workman that needeth not to be ashamed." I want you to be as efficient in your society work as you are in your home or in your business or in your club.

Looking over our mailing list I fail to find your name. I know you will want the Magazine and realize that you cannot do your work properly unless you "Know your Organization." I shall be looking forward expectantly for a reply to my letter.

Yours for an efficient Society.

The Editor.

Note: Will the President of the Society please see that this letter is delivered to Miss Uneeda Magazine.

MAGAZINE SHOWER

Every Year at the Convention there is a time set apart for a "Shower of Magazines." Each delegate is to bring, from her Presbyterial, subscriptions from the various societies, to be presented at the appointed time.

Will every Literature Secretary please make a careful canvas of her society and invite all non-subscribers to become subscribers. Two-thirds of the membership of the W.G.M.S. are not subscribers, so there is a field in practically every society.

MAGAZINE CLUB

Through April, May and June we offer a Club rate of FIVE NEW SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR FOUR DOLLARS AND FIFTY CENTS. Renewals at the same rate provided they accompany a Club of FIVE NEW SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Every Society should have at least five new subscribers. May we ask Literature Secretaries to make a complete canvass of their societies during these weeks.

THE MISSIONARY ALBUM

The June issue of *The Womens Missionary Magazine* will be a very special number. For a long time requests have come for us to repeat the Album which we had in July 1931. Societies are constantly wanting new pictures of the missionaries they help support. The Literature Department shares with the Magazine in the Presentation of "The Missionary Album."

There will be about 250 pictures in this special number. Do not miss it. If your subscription expires in May be sure to renew before May 10th in order to receive the June number on time.

ENTERTAINMENT AT THE CONVENTION

All officers, board members and missionaries as well as delegates, life members and visitors, will be entertained in the Dormitories of Grinnell College. The charge for room and meals for the full time (5 days) will be $12.50.

Those desiring meals *at the dormitory* may have them for $8.00 for full time. Those desiring *only lunches and dinners* for the five days may have them at $6.00. Those coming for *one day only* and desiring to eat in the Dormitory may do so by sending in their names 24 hours in advance. Those not making reservations in advance may get their meals at the restaurants in the town.

Grinnell is on the Rock Island R. R. between Chicago and Denver, also on the North Western, south of Marshalltown, Iowa. It is on U. S. Highway, Route No. 6, between Chicago and Omaha. It has good Bus service east and west. All inquiries in regard to entertainment and reservations should be addressed to Mrs. W. J. Stewart, Grinnell, Iowa.

Mrs. John W. Bickett

JUNIOR EXHIBIT

All Junior Missionary Societies are invited to send an Exhibit to the Grinnell Convention which will as usual be sent to mission stations.

These Exhibits should be sent to Mrs. Paul Lincoln, care of Rev. W. J. Stewart, 1015 Fifth Avenue, Grinnell, Iowa.

Mrs. M. Todd Macdonald, Junior Secretary, Des Moines Presbyterial.

RAILROAD NOTICE

Arrangements are being made for the travel to the convention at Grinnell, Iowa.

Train will leave Union Station, Pittsburgh, Pa. (P.R.R.) June 22 at 11:00 P. M., E. S. T. Arrive in Chicago at 7:40 Friday morning. Fare from Pittsburgh to Chicago one way, $14.10. Lower berth $3.15. Upper $2.40. Eastern delegation will meet in Pittsburgh and go on this train. *Purchase tickets to Chicago,* as a different arrangement has been made leaving Chicago for Grinnell.

We will travel on one ticket from Chicago to Grinnell and pay on the train. This gives us the greatly reduced rate of $9.15 for the round trip from Chicago to Grinnell and return. The car will be air conditioned and have individual chairs. When paying our fare on the train, each passenger will receive a ticket for the return trip, good for returning in 10 days. Plate lunch from 30c up can be secured, served in the coach.

Arrive at Grinnell at 4:41 P.M.

Watch the Magazine for further information.

Reservations to be sent to Mrs. W. P. Wiegering, 352 Alameda Avenue, Youngstown, O., after May 1, 1939.

"FARUQ LEADS THE PEOPLE IN FRIDAY PRAYERS"

This is the heading of an article which appeared in *"Al Massawar"* which is published in Cairo, Egypt.

"Last Friday was a notable day which revealed a pleasant surprise such as had never occurred to any one's mind. Probably it is the first surprise of the sort in a thousand years. His Majesty the King went to the Quasin Mosque to perform the Friday prayers, to which some illustrious guests of Egypt had preceded him, from among the delegations of sister Arab nations which had come to take part in the Palestine Conference. Chief among these were the two princes from Hejaz, Faisal and Khalil of the Sa'udi family, and the Prince of Yemen, Saef al-Islam Husseain. No sooner had the preacher finished the Friday sermon than King Faruq was seen by those present for the prayers to leave his place in the front rank and make his way to the *Mihrab* (Prayer niche which indicates the direction of Mecca), where he led the prayers as the *imam* (leader of public prayers). That was a very great surprise, which caused the thousands gathered in the mosque and along the streets leading to the mosque to raise shouts of supplication to God that He would preserve the 'righteous King' the 'prince of believers' and the 'imam of the Muslims.'

"The newspapers of the West took up the news, commenting that this was a step that will have its effect toward uniting the Arabic speaking Islamic nations and is worthy of being received with joy and felicitations."

While any Muslim sufficiently instructed may lead the public prayers it has been customary for a Caliph or one aspiring to the Caliphate to lead the prayers. Many Muslims today are advocating the establish-

ment of the Caliphate and their desire to make the young king of Egypt the Caliph of the Muslim world.

WHAT THEY SAY

I should like permission to use some of the articles in your Magazine from time to time. I want to pass on some of the helpful things I find on your pages.—President of a Synodical of a sister denomination.

I was called upon on very short notice to lead a meeting. I needed help for the devotional part of the meeting and information about the Negro and Mountain work. I had my magazines for a year and found just the help I needed. I could not have led that meeting without the help of the Magazine.—A Presbyterial Literature Secretary.

The Womens Missionary Magazine means much to me because I have always been deeply interested in our missionary work. . . . Every member of a missionary society should have the Magazine in her home if she would keep posted about the work and be an intelligent member. Surely the Magazine gives us information about all our friends and all our work. I could not get on without it.—G. W. P.

I have often thought of you in the transfer of the work from good old Xenia, where you had been planted for so many years, to Pittsburgh, but this has not interfered with the excellence of the Magazine. It keeps getting better all the time and I sincerely hope the mailing list may soon grow longer.—M. J. C.

The Magazine means to me valuable information concerning the most important work in all the world, that of Christian Missions. . . . I should like to know of its being read in the home of every member.—H. J. H.

Every member of a missionary society should have the Magazine in her home that she may know more about the work that is being done in our own fields at home and abroad. The pictures give one some idea of places and people. The missionaries' messages bring one into closer touch with them and with their prayer needs.—L. K.

I have been a reader of the Magazine nearly fifty years and prize it more highly each year. It is necessary for each member of the society to read the Magazine. Not only is it full of information concerning our mission fields but other valuable articles which will inspire to a larger service.

I have taken the Magazine for years—could not do without it. I pass it on in the Home and every one enjoys it so much. Some of the women of other denominations always want our United Presbyterian papers and *The Womens Missionary Magazine.*

I cannot begin to tell you the personal value of the Magazine to me. I get much strength for prayer out of "A Little Time Apart" and always call the attention of the Young Women to this page and they often use it in their devotionals. The Magazine is packed full of everything usable and I read it "from kiver to kiver."—J. E. C.

Thank Offering Department

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OUR GOD

Lavish praises to our God
From His people evermore.
He who raised us from the sod,
Will the nations' peace restore.

Ring ye joyous bells and chimes;
Peans loud and wide proclaim;
In these hard and trying times,
Set the nations' hearts aflame.

Ring and sing and pray and praise
'Till His face upon us shine!
We'll adore Him all our days,
Walking in His ways betime.

And our God will blessing send,
Will on earth rule nations all.
Righteous Father! God and Friend!
Hear Thy people when they call.

By Mrs. C. M. Tucker, Puget Sound Presbyterial,
Tacoma, Washington

BUNDLES OF BENEFITS

The Psalms, which have been called "the music rooms of the Bible," are filled with songs of praise. The book contains many calls to praise.

All creatures are to praise God. The closing words of the book sum up in one sentence the burden of all the one hundred and fifty psalms: "Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord." Praise is the highest function of life.

A writer has spoken of the one hundred and third psalm as "Bundles of Benefits" and it will be found to be true if we read thoughtfully through the twenty-two verses.

We all dwell so much on self and our every day affairs that we do not hear the voice calling us to praise and thanksgiving. The Psalmist knew how easily we forget the blessings from above and said: "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits." This means to remember some of the blessings that God is daily bestowing. We cannot remember all of them, but we must not forget all of them. Remember but a few of them and the heart is filled with praise. As we read the psalm, there is a sense of the overflowing heart rising up to praise and to give thanks for the numberless mercies. The list is too long always to recite, and as someone has suggested, he "wraps them up in bundles and gives thanks for them thus." Are we thanking God for the bundles of benefits that we have received from Him? If we can-

not count the blessings one by one, we can praise Him for the bundles of blessings.

If all the members of our missionary societies would heed the call to "forget not all His benefits," a volume of praise would ascend to God and lives would be dedicated for His service. But how often we forget God's wonderful mercies and countless blessings that fill our days with sunshine and let a disappointment or a twinge of suffering blot out the memory even of a whole year of health.

We are told by some ingenious gatherer of statistics that in a certain year many thousands of letters reached the Dead Letter Office before Christmas, addressed to Santa Claus, but that in a month after Christmas only one letter came to Santa Claus with a message of thanks for the gifts received.

If we heed the call of the psalmist: "Praise ye the Lord," we will daily be expressing our gratitude to our Heavenly Father for His countless blessings. We receive from Him, and in turn our love for Him prompts us to be always giving.

"The sun gives ever; so the earth—
What it can give, so much 'tis worth;
The ocean gives in many ways—
Gives baths, gives fishes, rivers, bays;
So, too, the air, it gives us breath;
When it stops giving, comes in death.
Give, give, be always giving;
Who gives not, is not living;
The more you give,
The more you live.

"God's love hath in us wealth unheaped;
Only by giving it is reaped.
The body withers, and the mind
Is pent up by a selfish rind.
Give strength, give thought, give deeds, give pelf,
Give love, give tears, and give thyself.
Give, give, be always giving;
Who gives not, is not living;
The more we give,
The more we live."

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A NOTE OF THANKS

I desire to take advantage of *The Womens Missionary Magazine* to express my heartfelt gratitude to the many kind friends who have remembered me in the hospital with kind letters, lovely cards and flowers, all expressing sympathy, love and best wishes for an early recovery. Also I would not overlook a crate of Valencia oranges "just ripe" by kind friends from their ranch in Florida. May I in the future be worthy of all the interest manifested by these kind friends.

Mrs. J. B. Hill.

Young Women's Department
including
Girls' Circles

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MAY SPEAKS

Since May is near the beginning
Of the church year so very new,
And officers newly elected
Are wondering just what to do,
'Tis the part of every member
To be helpful, kind and true;
So—up and at it, fellow member,
Be a comrade through and through.
You'll never be sorry you did it.
May calls! May implores! May wants you!

NEW RECRUITS

San Francisco Presbyterial—Salinas Grace Fraser Mission Circle (T)—10 members.

Delaware Presbyterial—Davenport "The Arista Circle (T)—15 members.

Muskingum Presbyterial — Zanesville Girls' Circle—10 members.

Des Moines Presbyterial — Albia Girls' Circle (T)—11 members.

Ohio First Presbyterial — Frenchburg Y.W.M.S.

Butler Presbyterial — Slippery Rock—Emma D. Anderson Mission Circle (T)—14 members.

This last named society was organized under the direction of the Young Women's Missionary Society. The president in reporting the news said, "The Circle members have been indeed fortunate this past winter to have had Miss Anderson with them in their meetings to guide and instruct them. She has conducted their mission study group, and in addition, has instructed them in the Bible at meetings held every other week in her home.

"SOME DAY"

Is this the malady that affects the progress of society today? One writing on this subject said, "There are young people everywhere who can make themselves weep thinking of the beautiful things they are going to do—some day! The piano needs dusting, but the young girl is so enraptured by the picture of herself winning applause in music that she does not see the dust! Then—John sees himself on the gridiron, making a fifty-yard run and sure of a touchdown." He does not realize that the fire in the furnace is all but dead because he has failed to fill the hopper!

Not young people alone fail because of just dreaming. No one craves failure, but not everyone cares to pay the price of success. To make good the present must be well used. We are inclined to believe that the "some day" attitude has caused many missionary societies to dwindle and "sign off" as live organizations. True there are other reasons, such as a changing

community which reduces the possibility of material from which to draw new members. However, many small societies may be able to do constructive work and make a creditable showing. Even a few live individuals can make opportunity more than a dream.

What active mind has not seen a great vision outspread just for the taking! Even in the religious world one may be so taken up with prospects that work at hand has little appeal. Should a person be unwilling to do active service in the local congregation such as some definite part in the Sabbath School or in the missionary society or visiting the unchurched with the thought of winning them to Christ, would it be wise to invest in that one to the extent of sending her to far parts of the earth to win souls? Oh yes, vision is to be commended, but not at the expense of the performance of necessary small duties. The present place is of first importance until one is ready for the entrance on her dreams. "The first step in making dreams come true is a faithful performance of those duties that lie close at hand." "Some day" is not the Christian's word. It is today—now.

YOUNG WOMEN'S SPECIAL COLUMN

Dear Friends:

During the month of December, I had a new experience which I enjoyed greatly. The first Church, San Francisco, is sponsoring a new Sabbath School in the Sunset district, one of the new residential sections of San Francisco.

Dr. Carson of the First Church, who is also superintendent of Missions, asked me to spend the month of December canvassing that section, which is located but a few blocks from Golden Gate Park. As it is quite a new district, it is not as yet what one might call "overchurched," and there seems to be a good opportunity for a new Sabbath School, and from it we hope that eventually a new United Presbyterian Church may be established.

At the end of the month when I left the Sunset field, we had had an attendance at Sabbath School of about thirty different children and several adults. One of my special tasks had been to take charge of the Christmas program, which brought its own problems as I had never seen the children and did not have any idea as to their ages or talents. Planning the program and assigning parts was the biggest problem, as the children were very willing to work hard when they knew what they were to do. Then, too, we had only ten short days for preparation, so had to keep busy. But on the night of the program I felt quite repaid for the time and effort that had been spent. There was a good showing of boys and girls present, and a fair number of parents had come. We were especially anxious for the latter to attend, so that they might take a real interest in sending their children.

The Sabbath School at Sunset was begun the middle of November, and meetings have been held each Sabbath since at 2:30 P.M. At some future time, when the work is sufficiently advanced, the school will be held in the morning instead, as it is possible to get a much better and more regular attendance at a morning session. Meetings have been held in a large empty store building which has so far met the needs quite adequately. The building had recently been refinished and makes a clean, attractive auditorium.

The First Church has been quite generous in furnishing chairs, platform, song books, and a gas-circulating heater; and also, in sending out teachers from its own Sabbath School to take charge of the classes, which number from three to five each week. The average attendance for

the six weeks period, from the middle of November to January first, was 31. As this included the two holiday Sabbaths, on *one* of which *no children came,* indeed it is a good beginning. During the one month's work at Sunset, I made 172 personal calls, and left 68 invitations at homes where I found no one at home. Many of the parents were interested in having a Protestant Church and Sabbath School in the neighborhood, and I think there is every reason to believe that a good start has been made and that growth will come in due time. The field seems the most encouraging I have seen for new work, and I believe the Sunset Sabbath School has a bright future.

Sincerely,
Mary Jamieson.

Our readers will rejoice with Miss Jamieson in that she has participated in this pioneer work. We like to feel that all our work is constructive and enduring.

SUPPORT THE Y. W. SPECIAL FUND!

THIS, THAT AND THE OTHER A PACIFIC YOUNG WOMEN'S RALLY

Just previous to Valentine's Day the Young Women of Los Angeles Presbyterial gathered at Whittier in annual rally. The afternoon program was introduced by words of welcome from Miss Bertha Houston, pioneer missionary to Frenchburg mission. The content of the program was varied, containing a report from last June's W. G. M. S. convention and a play entitled, "Mrs. Jarley's Missionary Waxworks." An unusual feature was a whistling solo by one of the girls.

A banquet was enjoyed by the guests, followed by readings, given by one of the young women, and messages from the two foreign travelers, Mrs. Harriet S. Boobyer and Mrs. A. J. Randles, who were just completing a swing around the far western churches. A goodly number attended the rally.

The program booklet in its bright red cover and significant shape carried out the thought of the Saint's Day.

WHY I BELONG TO A MISSIONARY SOCIETY

One of our enterprising secretaries, desirous of knowing the minds of her constituency, sent out a postal to each society, and asked that each member answer this question, "Will you give your reason for joining a missionary society?" She felt that if the girls put their reasons in black and white, she might be able to see some of the needs and find ways of solving them.

Several girls gave two or more reasons. All reasons were classified. It may interest you to notice the number ascribed to each reason.

Interest in missions, 22; fellowship, 18; evangelistic interests, one; challenge to Christian living, 2; spiritual benefit from prayer group, one; educational value, one; development of leadership, one; because of good programs, one; invited by a friend, one; because it is a church organization and felt as the thing to do, one.

The secretary felt disappointed at the time of writing that not nearly all the societies had responded to her request. If more care were taken to answer promptly, what an encouragement it would be!

SOCIETY PROGRAMS

The Guild of Second Wilkinsburg has furnished a copy of its new year book. The blue cover with these two words, "The Guild," in red lettering as its only adornment, is refreshing. The principal items of interest throughout the year are listed on an early page. You may care to look over some of the page

quotations to use for your own year book. "Life will work only one way, and that is God's way." "A true follower of Jesus will use a map which includes the whole world and all the people in it." "God's will is always right. I shall find and follow it today."—Mrs. T. C. Strangeway is chairman of the program committee.

Again Second Wilkinsburg speaks, this time "The Auxiliary." Its new program presents an attractive appearance with a cover blue-gray in tone. On it a star in one corner with "star dust" and golden rays emanating from it forms the decoration, along with the silken cord tie.

The topics for study are those for the current year, so may be developed from the fresh material available in the Magazine and Literature Department. It does seem sensible to take advantage of the material prepared for the year does it not? One meeting is scheduled for the Home for the Aged, a real treat for the old folk. The following quotations may or may not be in your possession:—

"A good deed is never lost."

"Go where He is not and take Him with you."

"Where peace is not, God cannot come;
Where God is not, Peace cannot come."

"For the heart grows rich in giving;
All its wealth in living grow
Seeds, which mildew in the garner,
Scattered, fill with gold the plains."

IDEAS TO TRY

Find something that your society may wish to do. The main part here presented comes from the "Methods" in an exchange magazine:—

A HORIZON BREAKFAST

This breakfast, which was held at 8:30, was announced by invitations in the form of a sun bursting forth over the horizon in varicolored rays. A goodly company, more than fifty, gathered at the home offering hospitality. The study for the year, "Exploring New Trails," gave opportunity to use the particular designations, horizon, rays, etc. The study for the year, if entered into, promised a broader intelligence and higher living. If the officers and committees put forth proper effort, surely an elevated horizon would be attained.

Sharing responsibility was advocated. Each officer and secretary came with her "ray of sunlight," and explained what her work should accomplish and made clear the duties involved. By the time each had presented her plans and her color ray to the president, a real sunburst was formed. Every one felt that she was better informed and more able to do a good year's work.

The president gave each officer a note book, containing her duties, commission, and outline for the year's work. The corresponding color of the ray was found in the cover of the book. The president felt that such a reminder as this notebook should make for efficiency and take away any excuse for non-performance.

The society members were di vided into "rays," (groups), and two "rays" met together in each special tea or home meeting. Thus were the several colors taken into account.

The results seemed to justify this method. At this breakfast, seventeen new members were received, consequently a much larger attendance at all meetings.

Girls' Circle Program

MISS HELEN JOHNSTON 506 Woodbine, S. E., Warren, Ohio

HOW NEIGHBORS WORK TOGETHER

PREPARATION

1. A week or ten days before your meeting have all the parts in the Symposium, (on the Future of the WGMS, this Issue), typed or written out. Use one sheet to each of the Departments. Roll these tightly and fasten with a four or five inch band of pastel colored paper, the back of which contains this message: "Whereas the (fill in the name of your society) Circle will meet (day of week) evening at the home of Neighbor (your hostess); you are summoned to represent Mrs. (fill in the name of the Secretary) of the ———————— Department. You are to impersonate her at a symposium to be conducted at the aforementioned place at 7:30, sharp." Have this signed by your President, your Program Chairman, your hostesses, et al., in a bold hand. Seal with an official-looking red or blue legal seal or an 1½ inch circle of colored paper imitating one.

2. Make enough copies of the Pledge, (used at the close of the program), so that each girl shall have one.

SING Bible Songs Hymnal No. 100, "Great Thy Works."

READ responsively, Selection 30 from B. S. H. or Romans 8:28-39.

SING Bible Songs Hymnal No. 183, "We praise Thee, O God."

PRAYER of Thanksgiving to God for His Love; for the Trust He has placed in our hands through the "great commission"; for the lives of those who, going before us, have opened paths for us to follow: for these opportunities and the goodly influence surrounding us daily and keeping us in "the Way." May we prove worthy!

HISTORIAN gives a brief history of the Women's Work from first part of Mrs. Milligan's article on the WGMS in this Issue.

FIRST INQUIRER: "How interesting—the past! A responsibility in carrying on this work has surely come down to us. However, there seem to be a great many things about our organization we do not fully understand. How can we succeed if we do not know where our responsibility lies?"

HISTORIAN continues review of article on our responsibilities and the program of the Society at large.

SECOND INQUIRER: "I wonder what the future holds for each of these Departments?"

DIRECTOR OF SYMPOSIUM: "Let us ask the opinion of the women most concerned in each particular case." (Introduce each impersonator, giving the Secretary's name and her Department).

When the last Secretary has spoken, have PRAYER for each of these leaders and the work she represents. Encourage all present to take part.

ALL (standing) READ together this pledge: "Believing it is God's Will that I share in the missionary work of the United Presbyterian Church, I pledge my loyal support to this cause. I desire to be a good neighbor; so I will give for the work —my prayers, my time and my effort—be my abilities great or small. I will not complain against my lot but will cheerfully share my happiness with others for "God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish, but have Eternal Life."

With bowed heads SING the chorus of Bible Songs Hymnal No. 19, "My Words and My Thoughts."

Home Missions

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FIELD SECRETARY

Dear Friends:

I would like to tell you all about my delightful, very busy and pretty strenuous month of March with Congregations, Sabbath Schools and Missionary Societies of Mansfield presbytery. Time doesn't permit that, it would be a long story. But, starting in on March 2nd at the First Church, Canton, Ohio, and ending in East Mansfield on March 28th, I talked 34 times in the 27 days. In Dalton we organized a group of girls and young married women into a Missionary Society, and again in East Mansfield where the spirit of Miss Ella Montgomery seems to still hover, a group of lovely teen-age girls was organized. We commend these two new groups to you all—for your interest and prayers—and beg that you all, women and young women, look around you and see the many young women and teen-age girls still not being used in the Master's work; won't you make it your business to see that some of them in your church are enrolled to help in His business of saving the world.

To the little group of girls in Dalton and the little group in East Mansfield with whom such happy evenings were spent a special greeting and love and a "God Bless You" and make your work for Him count for much in the days to come.

Let us, one and all, remember the daily ten o'clock A.M. hour of prayer.

Sallie E. Dickey.

EZEL SCHOOL NOTES

Spring has budded forth in all her glory, with comfortable weather prevailing, some sunshine, lots of rain, lots of March wind. The early gardens have been made, potatoes planted in many places, and as I write, the last day of March, the lawns on the campus are being mowed for the first time this year. What a joyous time the Spring is, with the opening of life all about us, and the faith of the human race in the providences of God, as well as His promises. "As ye sow so shall ye reap."

We are having two days vacation from school activities. We always have a little breathing spell in the middle of the second semester, giving the teachers a little opportunity to turn away from the work of the school room and make short trips to see some of the scenic beauties of our beautiful state.

We are looking forward to the closing weeks of the school year. They are always filled with work and activity, and this year is no exception. There are the State achievement tests, the different organizational activities in contests, eliminations in the Bible Reading contest, May Day exercises, the school operetta, Junior-Senior banquet, the Junior play, examinations, the Commencement exercises, and many other things too numerous to mention. Well, it enriches the program for our people and students, and we are happy that we are thus permitted to direct and lead and share.

We are especially fortunate to have as our preacher and speaker for the High School commencement, President H. A. Kelsey, D.D., of Sterling College. Since he is on his way to Philadelphia for the General Assembly, he can be with us and we are happy to make this announcement. Our class numbers 12 this year, nine girls and three boys. Most of them desire to continue their education and are seeking places where they can work their way and meet their expenses in

preparation for advanced living. We ask for them your continued interest and help in every way you can give it. We believe them to be worthy.

The Men's Brotherhood continues to grow in interest and activity. Very fine programs have been the rule, with speakers from the University coming to us. At our last meeting there were 42 present. Dr. Webb, a staunch Presbyterian, and member of the University faculty, being our guest speaker. He is an archaeologist, connected with the State in supervision of excavations, and also director of archaeological excavations in connection with the T.V.A. This section of our State is rich in historical relics and he has assured us that he will be out here at a later time to investigate and excavate.

Our clothing supply is practically exhausted. If possible for you to do so, please get some used clothing and send to us with all haste. It is needed greatly. Ship to Mt. Sterling, Kentucky, via express or freight, or via Parcel Post to Ezel, Ky.

It was a privilege to have among our visitors Miss Margaret Murdock, of India, who brought to us valuable messages in chapel and also at the midweek service. We always appreciate hearing from other lands of the Kingdom activities.

Please remember us daily in your intercession, that we shall be faithful to the task set before us.

Ray M. Davis.

SIXTH ANNUAL

observance of

PRAYER AROUND THE WORLD

to be held

during the W. G. M. S. Convention

Tuesday, June 27, 1939

10 A. M.—C. S. T.

For mutual stimulation and encouragement, please report, if you will, your participation in this service. If your participation is in a meeting with others, kindly have one of your number report the place of meeting and the number attending.

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Secretary of Prayer Groups,
455 Forest Avenue,
Bellevue, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Negro Missions

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MRS. TILLIE JOHNSON

Mrs. C. H.—Tillie Johnson—being dead, yet speaketh. Mrs. Johnson was called to be with her Lord March 9th, 1939. So much has been written of her service at Robinson Memorial Hospital—free of charge to the Board, that to repeat the story, is to tell that which is known and appreciated by all of our societies. Mrs. Johnson's unselfish devotion to her own people was outstanding.

Mrs. C. H. (Tillie) Johnson

In order to really know a person one must know his inmost thoughts, so I quote from Mrs. Johnson's latest message:

"One of the nicest things about Christmas is sending good wishes and greetings to our dear friends. I do not feel old at 76, because of the love and cheer that come from our boys and girls and their children whom they are trying to train to walk in the 'way.' I am happy in the thought of having helped others. I am glad to be thus used, it makes me feel I am not yet laid aside. I am growing weaker but hope to be able to attend one more W. G. M. S. Convention, before I pass on. These meetings have been wonderfully inspiring to me and I should enjoy being a visitor, watching the fine women going forward with the work of the Kingdom. God bless the dear friends of the North for years of faithful service given to my people; I love you for all you have done and are doing."

I am glad to report that Mrs. Johnson was invited to attend the Grinnell Convention as a guest of the Board, but am sorry that she was so weak when she received the invitation that she was unable to answer.

In tribute to her wonderful life I can repeat only what I have cited oftentimes, "Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all."

FIELD NOTES

A committee consisting of Miss Ida B. Little and Mrs. Joseph Heagen, has been appointed by the Board to visit all of our Negro Missions and the response from each station —upon being notified of the visit—rings with true southern hospitality. They say "We are looking forward to the visit with much pleasure and will do all in our power to make their visit pleasant and profitable."

Thyne Institute, Chase City, Va. —Miss Rutherford reports the attendance the past month has not been as good as usual. "I fear" she says "that three of my girls will not return as at this time of the year the money question is a serious matter in some homes.

"The girls are interested in the study of vegetables and their preparation. Garden making season is an opportunity to stress the importance of vegetables in the diet.

"I never cease to marvel at the opportunity all of our students have to sit under Dr. Wilson's able Bible teaching daily in chapel and elsewhere."

Prairie, Alabama—Professor Peters writes that the work has been

quite interesting, with no serious problems. "However" he says, "if it is true in other schools it is especially true here that we have as many problems as there are children enrolled. One interesting problem has been the direction of activities for a group of big boys, who for various reasons have not made satisfactory progress in their studies. They are the left overs of several classes that have been promoted. It is our aim to keep them from leaving school until they have absorbed certain ideals which we try to keep before them which will develop habits of behavior that will conform to these ideals.

"We noted the illness of Mrs. Hill and Mrs. Milligan and hope they have recovered."

Rev. W. G. Wilson, Sr., who was minister and principal of the Camden mission for more than 30 years, was a poet of some note. He was honored at the National Negro History week by the reading of one of his poems entitled, "Is that All." His poems were in Negro Dialect and told in rhyme, some of the heart breaks of his people, of their hopes and of their aspirations.

Knoxville College contributed Laboratory and Library equipment to Millers Ferry. This helps to put the high school on the accredited list and thus gives her graduates the privilege of entering any college for Negroes without further examination.

"BELIEVE IT OR NOT"

The so-called masses are not being reached or influenced as they should be by our "uplift" or "missionary" organizations in urban or rural communities. Ephraim is either "joined to his idols," or he is *joining too many cults*. Something compelling must be done. . .

We must attempt a vital program or something much less passive and more constructive. A church that is satisfied with the ungodliness around it is not serving God. Every church should attempt a definite program that projects itself into the community even if it must be done on a small scale and without the co-operation of other churches. It should be an all for all drive. The cults will catch your members if you do not cultivate your field by every-day service. Our "uplift" and "missionary" programs must become burning bushes in order to light up dark lives and dark places.

Here then is the joint task for our "uplifters" and for the church. Suppose we spend the time we use in criticizing the cults in cleaning up and cultivating our own churches and church membership.

Nannie Burroughs, in *The Worker*, Women's Missionary Union, Southern Baptist Convention.

Indian Missions

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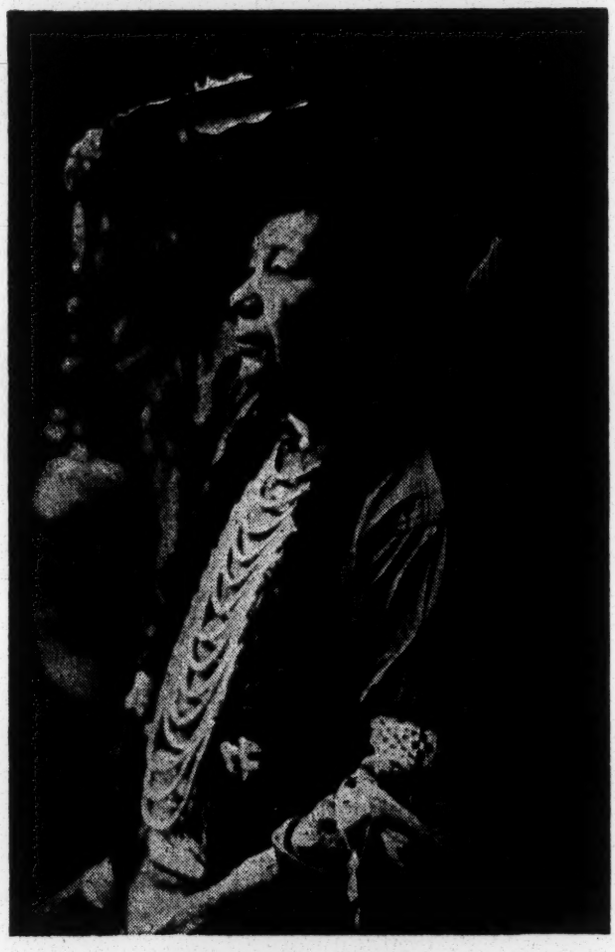
Meet My Friend:

Chief Watson Homer



Chief Watson Homer

Chief Homer is a relative of mine. He and his wife are very often in our home and we have spent many hours in prayer together.

In his active life he made several trips to Washington, D. C. and to Olympia pleading for the rights of the Indians. He spent much of his life dealing with the Government for the Indian cause and for the rights that have been denied them. He is now past eighty-two years old. He has recently been converted, and this is his testimony:

"All these years that I have worked for the cause of the Indians, my people, I used my own strength and depended on my own knowledge and never once included my God in all my efforts. I left God out in everything that I did and never once did I let Him share my heart, and have His rightful place in my mind and in my life. I see now why I was a failure in my own efforts. If I had found the Lord Jesus in my earlier life I would never have pleaded with the Government for the rights of the Indians, but I would have pleaded with the

Indians, my people, to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ.

"Today my heart is over-flowing with joy, a gladness that I cannot express in words, because I have escaped the powers of darkness that had me bound, but now I am free and a new joy has come into my life that satisfies the longing of my soul. Do you know what longing is? Well, here it is:

"I am now an old man and soon I will be passing away; it will be then a glad day for me, for all tears, sorrow, weariness, sickness and death will pass away and I will live forever in happiness. Some day you will understand this longing of the soul, when you will become the age I am now; your soul will long for something it cannot find in the pleasures of the world. I am happy; happy to see my own race proclaiming God's message of love."

Chief Homer cannot read nor write and he understands very little English. All his dealings with the Government were through an interpreter. He has been one of the leaders of the Yakimas.

Edward J. Sam, Yakima, Wash.

WELCOME TO TAMA, IOWA

The Tama Indian Mission family is very glad W.G.M.S. meets so near them this year. Grinnell is twenty-five miles from Tama. We are happy to invite all delegates to visit the Mission and the Reservation.

The plans for a pilgrimage of delegates to Tama will be announced more fully in the June Magazine.

Some traveling by private car may prefer to stop at Tama on the way to Grinnell or returning. There will be some one at the parsonage to welcome you whenever you may appear. The Reservation is on Route 30 west of Tama. The Mission is only one-half mile off this highway.

Rev. and Mrs. F. C. Patterson and Family.

INDIAN EXHIBIT

"Indians of today and tomorrow seen against a background of yesterday are presented as part of the Golden Gate International Exposition which opened in San Francisco in February. This presentation of the Indian past gives to the public, it is hoped, a new understanding of the proud Indian heritage, and gives the living Indian a chance to prove that he is today the keeper of values, which, if they were better known, could be an important contribution to modern civilization and the means of his finding a better place in the contemporary world.

"Large maps of the United States and Alaska illustrate the generally little-known fact that there are at least six distinct Indian civilizations within the territory of the United States, and that these have such outstanding individual characteristics that their differences are more well-defined in many ways than those of European nations. A large gallery is devoted to each of these groups: the Fishermen of the Northwest Coast; the Seed and Root Gatherers of California; the Hunters of the Great Plains; the Woodsmen of the East Coast; the Corn Planters of the Pueblos; and the Navaho Shepherds.

"Displays of smaller tribal groups not mentioned here are scattered through the galleries, and all these exhibits lead up to a presentation of the contemporary Indian. No presentation of the American Indian is complete without his dances. Dancing and chanting are part of all his social and ceremonial activities, and represent possibly the purest expression of his civilization. The variations between Indian cultures become just as apparent in their dances as in their arts and crafts. An extensive program of dances is being prepared that will supplement and accentuate the picture of Indian life and culture which this exhibit aims to present to the public."

René D'Harnoncourt.

THE TWENTY-THIRD PSALM IN INDIAN SIGN LANGUAGE

The Great Father above a Shepherd Chief is, the same as I am His, and with Him I want not.

He throws out to me a rope, and the name of the rope is Love, and He draws me, and He draws me, and He draws me to where the grass is green and the waters not dangerous, and I lie down satisfied.

Sometimes my heart is very weak and falls down, but He lifts it up again and draws me, into a good His name is Wonderful.

Sometimes, it may be a very soon, it may be longer, it may be a long, long time, He will draw me into a dark place between mountains. It is dark there, but I'll draw back not.

I'll be afraid not, for it is in there between those mountains that the Shepherd Chief will meet me, and the hunger I have felt in heart all through this life will be satisfied. Sometimes He makes the love rope into a whip, but afterwards He gives me a staff to lean on.

(Copied by permission from a Guest-book in which it was written by Isabel Crawford, an Indian Missionary of long experience.)

Alice E. Rehm.

MISSIONARY OBJECTIVES

Concerning the objectives in Missions, Rev. Henry Roe Cloud, Ph.D., president of American Indian Institute, states them concisely:

(1) To lead the Indians to the discovery of God, as the One Supreme Being;

(2) To bring the Indians into the Way of Life through Jesus Christ;

(3) To foster education among the Indians, to develop character and to prepare for service;

(4) To promote h e a l t h and healthful living;

(5) To train up a native Christian leadership;

(6) To improve and stabilize the Indian home;

(7) To discover and promote understanding and the means of cooperation between the Indians and the white people.

INDIAN ARROWS

The January meeting of the Tama (Iowa) Missionary Society (Indian) was attended by ten adults and ten children. Just take the little ones along, Mothers!

Indians vanishing? No, increasing! A number of new arrivals,—dear, little brown babies so cunning and sweet have come to the Simnasho parish. Antoinnette Queahpama, five weeks old, was at Church last Sabbath, she is the Chief's granddaughter. She slept in her board (cradle) during Church and was greatly admired. Tiny Neva Brown is regular at Church, Doris Squienphin is a new Christmas baby. There has been quite an increase this last year. I never have enough baby things for the demand, or I should say the need. These little babies do tug at one's heart strings.

Bernice Carson (Mrs. E. H.)

The Warm Springs' Mission Sabbath School is rejoicing over the new curtains which have been made for them by the Williamette congregation of Shedd, Oregon and the Do. So. Wo. girl's club of the Albany Oregon congregation. These curtains make possible the division of the church auditorium into four class-rooms, and help in carrying on the work more efficiently. We express our thanks to those who made this contribution to the work.

E. W. M.

The Ladies' Aid is meeting every two weeks, and all are busy making things for the Christmas sale next fall. They make lunchcloths, quilts, afghans, pillows, aprons, pot holders, etc. About twelve ladies at-

tend and they all seem to be enjoying the work. —E. W. M. (Haven't you some patches to send them?—Sec.).

The Mission House is used by the Indians as a "hiding place from the wind and a covert from the tempest." So often in the biting cold of a wintry wind they come in to warm their stiff fingers and chilly bodies at the grateful warmth of the fireplace and warm-air vents of the Manse. We hope and pray that the Christ who is responsible for this work and the Head of the Church may more and more come to mean to these people *"The shadow of a great rock in a weary land."*—E.H.C.

Another old-time fallacy exposed! . . . We used to think of the Indians as a race with perfect teeth. On the contrary, the people meet us continually with complaints and requests about their "sore teeth." One never hears of dental bridges and plates among them, but that is not saying they do not need them. We are trying to get the Agent to arrange for a young Portland dentist to come in and give part-time service to the Reservation.—E. H. C.

Out of an enrollment of 84 children in the Government School on the reservation at Tama, Iowa, 75 are enrolled in the Bible Classes held each week in the school by our missionary.

The new $80,000 hospital at the Agency at Warm Springs is kept quite full. The people seem increasingly willing to be taken there for care.

THE LORD'S PRAYER
(Pequot Indian Tongue)

Father, ours above in Heaven, admired in highest manner be Thy name, Like done Thy will on earth as like in Heaven. Let us be forgiven evil doings of ours, as we would forgive wrong-doers to us. Not guide us into snares, but help us to escape from evil. Thine the powerful kingdom, Thine the strength, Thine the greatest glory. Always, always, we wish so.
(*From The Indian Speaking Leaf*)

"And so our trails we go along
Must ever be a glory song.
A song of Faith, Hope, and Charity
For God's promise is Immortality.

"If in our lives love prevails,
Friendship comes on every trail
And Faith, Hope, and Charity
Surely bring Eternity."

Chief Flying Eagle
"The Indian Speaking Leaf"

Red Jacket said to a group of missionaries: "I do not believe what you believe, but if I believed half of what you say you believe, I would be more earnest than you are!" (*"The Indian Speaking Leaf"*).

"Slumber not in the wigwams of your forefathers; the world is advancing, advance with it."—Chief Little Bear, a Dakota Indian.
From *"The Indian Speaking Leaf."*

"Indian children were treated with great kindness and affection, by the mother. An Indian child was never spanked or whipped, the Indian believing that to strike a child was not only insulting, but would break its spirit. The most severe punishment inflicted was a dash of cold water thrown over them, and no Indian child ever obtained anything by crying. Self-restraint. obedience, respect for their elders, as well as neatness, cleanliness, and orderliness were taught the children. In an Indian home there was always a place for everything and everything was in its place."
From *"The Indian Speaking Leaf."*

Foreign Missions

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MISSIONARIES' BIRTHDAYS

JUNE

Miss Lois M. Buchanan.....June 7
Miss Marion Paden .....June 10
Miss Louise Scott .....June 22

"O Jesus I have promised
To serve Thee to the end.
Be Thou forever near me
My Savior and my Friend.
I shall not fear the battle
If Thou art by my side;
Nor wander from the pathway
If Thou wilt by my Guide."

INDIA

Two reports of inspections made at our Memorial Hospital, Sialkot, by Government officials during the last few months have been received. Following his visit, the Inspector General of the Civil Hospital, Punjab, gave his opinion that it was the best Mission hospital he had seen so far in the Punjab. It is a ninety bed hospital and there were eighty-three patients under treatment on the day of his visit. The daily average of in- and out-patients is about seventy-five and one hundred twenty respectively. Dr. Hunsberger and her staff deserve to be congratulated for the excellent work they are doing.

The second inspection was made by Dr. Hamilton Brown. Among many interesting items he mentioned especially the new motor ambulance which was supplied by a donor in America. It is proving to be of inestimable value in village work and for the transport of patients from a distance to and from the hospital. Visits are paid to different villages twice a month and treatment given to those needing it. Dr. Brown closes his report by saying: "The authorities responsible for this very excellent hospital and those who make donations to its work may well be proud of the very fine arrangements made for the care of the sick of this town and vicinity. The hospital is the finest in the North of the Punjab and a great asset to the district."

A number of missionaries have been ill in the hospital this winter but none seriously except Rev. James Brown who had flu-pneumonia. Miss Marjorie McCrory who was operated on for appendicitis, has made a good recovery. Miss Adah Boggs, R.N., who went to India last September, has been sent to the Sialkot Hospital for a month to relieve Miss Evelyn McKelvey, R.N., as she had no vacation last year.

Rather early in 1938 the India Mission asked the Women's Board for a small grant for Taxila Hospital to help in caring for women and children there. The request was granted and a letter from Dr. Bergsma tells of their deep appreciation of the help given. He wrote: "It was most necessary to our increasing work among women and children. The most common complaints among the children at Taxila are eye infections. The eyes are so often neglected and a simple infection, through neglect, often becomes a bad ulcer and at times sight is lost. Oriental sores are also common among children; there is much bronchial pneumonia, and burns are frequently seen. We treat many women for anemia and have numerous cataract operations each year. We are pleased to be able to help these suffering ones."

Dr. John Samuel (the son of Mrs. Mary Samuel, known to some of our readers) also serves in the Taxila Hospital. He had the privilege of visiting the noted Eye Clinic of Sir Henry Holland and there he performed thirty-five cataract operations and a number of other important operations. This promising young Indian doctor is full of enthusiasm and has large visions for Taxila Hospital.

Interesting reports have come from a number of the missionaries who have been in camp during the winter. Miss Janette Howland of Campbellpur states that in their section of the country the rains have failed and in many places the wheat hasn't even sprouted and it looks as though there would be no food for the people and their animals. However, they had great joy in seeing nine people from that hard old district baptized. Four of these were women. They are pleased with the way these converts are growing in Christ and in the knowledge of His Word.

Another group itinerated among the vilages of Lyallpur District, living in tents and spending about a week in a center, from which they visited the surrounding villages. Meetings were well attended and from 200 to 500 people were reached daily in three meetings and the groups which came to the camp. More than half of these were non-Christians. There are very few church buildings in that district. On Christmas Day they dedicated the largest church in that district. It is made of sun-dried bricks. The service in the vernacular was most quiet and reverent. A recent lecture on the Life of Christ, illustrated with magic lantern slides, resulted in a community of Depressed Class people asking to be taught and baptized. An evangelist living seven miles distant was sent to teach them but a lack of funds prevented their putting a teacher in this village to give the inquirers regular instruction.

EGYPT

The Annual Meeting of Association was held in Assiut the first week of January. Some interesting reports of the year's work were made at that time. The Committee on Education, with a note of thankfulness despite the increased burdens and problems of Mission education, reported an increased enrolment over even the high figures of last year; the increased demand for education and the creditable result in Government examinations obtained by our pupils have kept our schools in a position of influence; our relations with the Educational authorities of the country have been happy; our liberty in matters of religious teaching has been but little curtailed. For all this we record our gratitude.

The work of the Daily Vacation Bible Schools is one branch of our work not affected by the condition of Mission finances and has had a successful year. The work is practically self-supporting. The World's Sabbath School Association provided a small sum for the services of a secretary in Assiut province and for another in Cairo. Aside from this help, the 177 workers this year carried on their schools at their own expense and were able to reach 2,831 boys and girls through 80 schools, an increase over the preceding year. These were all given Christian teaching, the rudiments of reading and writing, as well as important training in hygiene, patriotism and temperance.

More than one-fourth of the entire enrolment was Muslim children. Muslim boys and girls helped in conducting some of the schools. One of the most successful in Upper Egypt was in charge of a Mohammedan boy. Another school was conducted by a blind girl who visited in the homes all morning and carried on the school in the afternoon.

Twenty-one evangelists have been employed by the Mission during the year. Besides these there have been 19 part time workers, supported outside the budget by private and personal gifts. These 40 men conducted work in 76 places, holding 5,270 meetings during the year. The total attendance in these meetings was about 155,000.

In the past year 53 Bible Women have visited more than 9,500 pupils, of whom approximately 1,600 were Muslims. The younger women are taking more and more interest, es-

pecially in Girls' Clubs and Home Study Groups. In some sections the younger women are enthusiastically helping their neighbors, some going to other villages to teach Reading and Writing.

The present enrolment in the Bible Women's Training School in Tanta is fourteen. The students doing two days a week in Practical Work find an encouraging response.

ETHIOPIA

Arrangements have been made to carry on the school at Addis Ababa; the plan is not thought to be ideal but it is the best possible under the circumstances. It gives some added responsibility to those on the field to have Miss Nichol on furlough. Mr. Nystrom has work to do which keeps him busy and Mrs. Nystrom's time is completely taken up with her hospital work but they have agreed to make their home in the schoolbuilding. This will mean a great deal toward the continuance of the school and Mr. Nystrom is peculiarly fitted to take charge of the school for a time because of his association with the pupils in the past two years as teacher of Italian. Then, too, he has been brought up in that country and is well known to many of the families of the girls in the school. However, another native teacher will have to be employed to enable Mr. Nystrom to carry on the school. The missionaries covet special prayer for the school in days ahead.

No recent word has come from the George Memorial Hospital but we assume that conditions are much the same as reported last month. We are sure the Church should be much in prayer for the work and the workers there.

THE SUDAN

Miss Aulora R. McIntyre of Wad Medani has reported much good accomplished through a two-day Spiritual Life Conference in which the theme was "Prayer and Soul Winning." It was a real inspiration to have a choir of sixteen girls during those meetings.

Miss Una Coie tells of going into a number of homes with her Bible Woman. In one they contact a mother and her three daughters and two other young women. Four of these young women are reading in the Bible. It is unusual for a mother, especially after she has become a grandmother, to believe that she can learn to read. While it is difficult for her to learn, she is slowly making progress. Miss Coie has been particularly interested in two other mothers who have little girls in the Girls' School at Khartum North. She has known one of these since last year when the little girl was put in school. It so happens that the young woman who is teaching that mother in the home this year was teaching her daughter last year in the School. She has a real desire to learn and studies her lesson faithfully. The other mother is stepping right along and might even leave her daughter behind.

Miss Verna Pillow writes of their Annual Women's Workers' Conference in which the Church Missionary Society workers unite. It was held at the Girls' Boarding School in Khartum North and about fifty attended. The teachers and Bible Women always find this a time of refreshing and blessing and all are encouraged to go on in their work. Miss Pillow thinks they are fortunate in having such a fine group of young women who are really concerned in the task they have of carrying the good news of salvation to those around them.

For several months now Miss Isabel Blair has been located in Akobo where new work has been undertaken. Most of the time has been taken up with getting settled and studying the language. She is comfortably settled there and hated to leave for furlough before actual work

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Temperance and Reform Department

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THE GREAT DELUSION

We Are All Paying The Cost

Based on a calculation made in Los Angeles, which is doubtless typical of other American cities, the non-drinking population also pays for the cost of alcohol consumed by the drinkers as well as its share of the cost of its consequences.

According to *The Christian Advocate,* license fees furnish a revenue to Los Angeles amounting to $335,000 annually. That sum, large as it seems, is not enough to pay for the cost of arresting drunks, housing and feeding them as prisoners, treating them as inebriates and alcoholics, and supporting their wives and children, as well as paying for the damages caused by intoxicated men to property and persons. And a Los Angeles councilman figured it out that every time a drinker pays 25 cents for a drink, the non-drinking population of Los Angeles must pay an additional 5 cents to take care of the consequences. In other words, the entire community pays one-sixth of the total drink bill.

Again we have been deluded. Those who do not drink but who mistakenly voted for repeal, never imagined that they would have to share its cost.

Firewater Instead of Fireworks

We recall the newspaper warnings of other years cautioning the American people about the dangers to life and limb from the careless and unrestricted use of fireworks. Yet now on a single 4th of July more harm to health, more damage to life and limb on motor highways, is done through unrestricted consumption of liquor than occurred in a hundred fireworks celebrations of other years.

Do the newspapers warn us of that?

Last year, according to the Business Men's Research Foundation, as quoted in *The Christian Advocate,* a tremendous and almost incredible expansion occurred in pre-holiday liquor advertising. It was estimated that the liquor industry spent at least $1,000,000 in display appeals to the people of the United States "to stock up" over the 4th of July week-end and "to show their independence" by an unlimited use of alcohol. In all probability this year's advertising will do likewise.

Thus firewater takes the place of fireworks as the national hazard of the 4th of July.

The Drunk-O-Meter

One night last winter, beginning at 11 o'clock on a Saturday evening and ending at 4 o'clock on Sunday morning, 100 automobiles were stopped by Nassau County traffic officers. Their drivers were requested to blow into a machine. It was a new invention called The Drunk-O-Meter. Its function was to determine whether the drivers had been drinking. The air from their lungs, having been blown into the machine, passed through several chemicals which by changes in color revealed the alcoholic content.

Of 100 drivers so tested (one woman driver refused to submit to the test), 58 showed evidence of having drunk alcohol, while 35 of the 58 had taken enough to interfere with their driving ability. In other words, 35 out of the 100 drivers had drunk too much alcohol to be safe persons behind the steering wheel.

It surely cannot be comforting to an automobile driver to realize that 35 out of every 100 cars that pass him on the road at night or approach him with their glaring headlights, may be harbingers of frightful injury or horrible death.

—*Missions.*

PROGRESS TOWARD PROHIBITION IN INDIA

Miss Margaret Fehlman, Chairman of the Temperance Committee of the India Mission, has sent a very interesting article telling of the progress made toward prohibition, in one year in India, with a map to illustrate the steps which have been taken in various provinces. Miss Fehlman says in part:

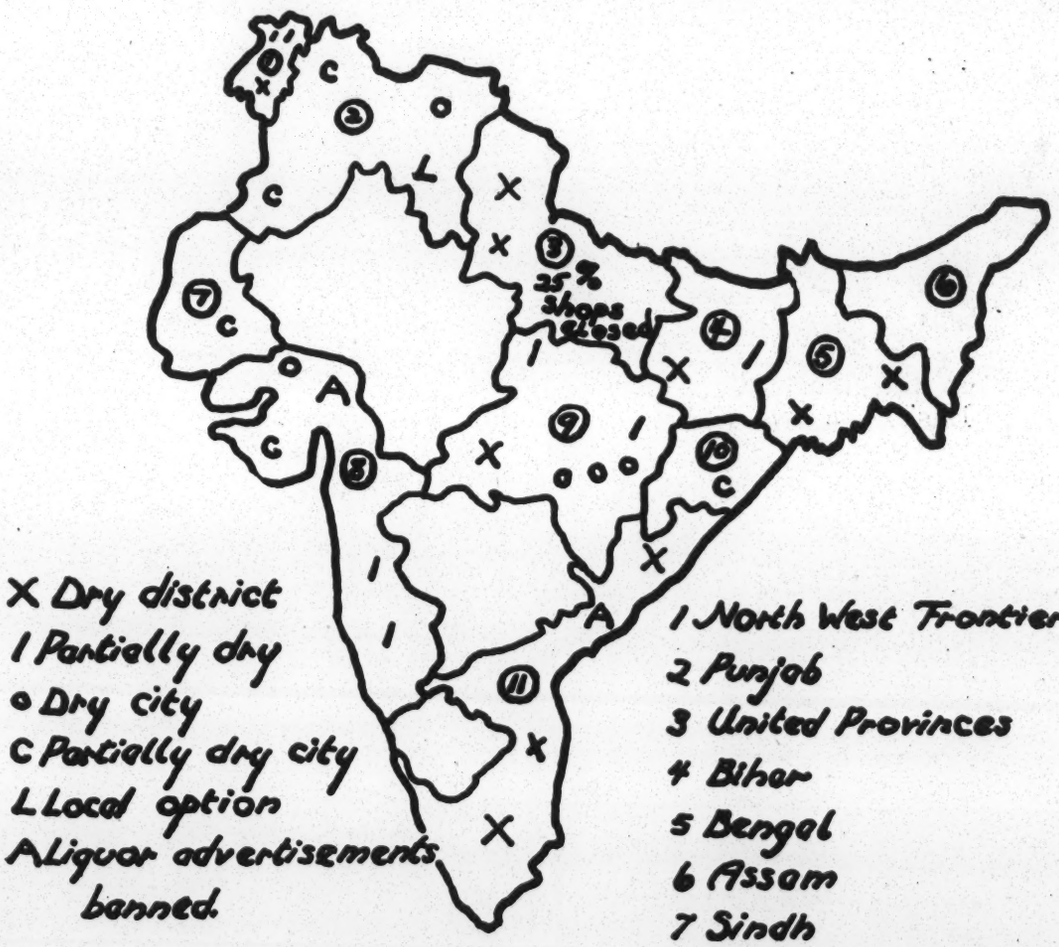
"Recent political events in India are of interest to temperance reformers. The new Provincial Governments have lost no time in setting about the business of making India dry within three years, the dream of Mr. Gandhi. Madras made the first move when Salem district became dry on October 1, 1937. The United Provinces, Bihar, Central Provinces, Bengal and the North West Frontier Province closed districts and towns to the sale of liquor and drugs April 1, 1938. The first anniversary of the introduction of provincial autonomy was marked by the launching of the prohibition campaign. The two districts of Etah and Mainpuri were the first to go dry. That same day Saran District in Bihar became dry. After three months of prohibition this large area with a population of 2,500,000 has had very few offenses against the excise laws. Ahmedabad, a large industrial town in Bombay Presidency, became a prohibition area July 20. Preparation was made a month and a half before the formal inauguration of the movement, propaganda committees were set up and meetings for educational purposes were attended by tens of thousands of people. Another large district in Bengal went dry September 1, 1938, namely, Chittagoiy which has a population of 1,800,000." The full extent of the first year of prohibition effort can be clearly seen on the very clever map which Miss Fehlman has drawn for us.

It is interesting to read of results in the districts where prohibition has been in force. "The Department of economics of the Madras University made a survey of Salem district. They found that before prohibition the drink bill was paid by 200,000 persons and this caused misery to nearly as many families. During the year under survey, drinking has almost completely stopped except in the border villages and among a few urban laborers. The spending power formerly used for drink has been devoted largely to a more varied and better diet, better clothes and more amusements. Wages have in most cases gone up because of more regular attendance at work and more efficient labor. The report also stresses the physical and psychological change in those who have been released from the stranglehold of drink."

The Premier, Pandit Govind Ballabh Pant, of the United Provinces, in a message to the people said, "The Congress and practically every other school of thought in this country stand for complete abstinence. Let us concentrate on this campaign of social uplift and pave the way for the extension of the scheme to the whole province. I appeal to both officials and non-officials to join hands in this noble endeavor and leave no stone unturned to make it a perfect success." Do you notice—"noble endeavor" not "noble experiment." Oh, India, may prohibition indeed be "a noble endeavor" to you, a success with your people and a blessing to your land! We of America watch you with sad hearts and shamed faces!

INDIA DRY IN THREE YEARS

FIRST YEAR'S PROGRESS



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READING COURSE LIST
1939-1940

HOME—

Along Indian Trails, Book let, Compiled by Mrs. Arthur B. McBride—35c.

Homeland Harvest, by Arthur H. Limouze. Cloth $1; paper 60c.

They Starve That We May Eat (Migrant Pamphlet) —35c.

FOREIGN—

Women and the Way, A Symposium. Cloth $1; paper 50c.

Through Tragedy to Triumph: The World Church in the World Crisis, by Basil Mathews. Cloth $1; paper 60c.

The Nile, by Emil Ludwig. Cloth $1.98.

INSPIRATIONAL—

The Galilean Gleam, by Robert W. Yourd. Cloth $1.50.

How I Know God Answers Prayer, by Rosalind Goforth. Cloth $1.00.

BIOGRAPHY or Other Book

Dr. Ida, India, by Mary Pauline Jeffery, M.D. $2.00.

Christian Homemaking, by Emma Bailey Speer and Constance M. Hallock. $1.50.

Life of Frances E. Willard, by Trowbridge. $2.00.

The Reading Course List for the coming year is here announced. There is a choice of book under each heading, but, we repeat, the *requirement* for recognition is—one book only under each of the four heads. For every additional year of reading beyond the first three years, we will give a small seal (one-half inch) with the WGMS monogram which may be placed on your certificate according to your fancy. These seals are ready for the asking through presbyterial literature secretaries.

Along Indian Trails is a paper bound booklet on United Presbyterian work among American Indians, compiled by the Secretary of Indian Work of the Women's Board, Mrs. Arthur B. McBride. It has been written by herself, by missionaries past and present, and by Indian members of our Mission churches. It is most attractive, illustrated, and worthy of a permanent place in your library.

Homeland Harvest "tells the story of the frontier churches, demonstrates the results of home mission effort, and interprets the place of American Missions in the world-wide Christian movement. The concluding chapter states the dominant issues now calling for fresh pioneering by the Christian forces of America. The author has had many years of experience as a national executive in home missions and is an authority on their history."

Women and the Way: Christ and the World's Womanhood, is a symposium. Twelve outstanding women "survey the effect of Christianity upon the womanhood of their lands." Madame Chiang Kai-shek, Baroness W. E. Von Boetzelaer, Michi Kawai, Helen K. Kim and Muriel Lester are among the twelve.

Through Tragedy to Triumph describes the world mission of Christianity against the background of the International Missionary Council

which met in Madras and in which the author was a participant. "It gives a perspective of the universal church, of its problems and achievements, of the essentials of the faith by which it lives, of its plans and hopes for the future."

The Nile is the life-story of a River, according to the author. He knows this River by association from source to mouth and the word picture which he paints is vivid and true. To us as a Church with a missionary interest in more than half of the 4,000-mile length of the Valley of the Nile, this book is of keen interest.

The author of *The Galilean Gleam* is pastor of the First United Presbyterian Church of Lincoln, Nebraska. This book has been fully reviewed and commented upon in our church papers. We are glad to place it on our reading list.

Rosalind Goforth, author of *How I Know God Answers Prayer,* was formerly a missionary to China. The book cites specific, convincing proofs of answered prayer.

A letter from America addressed, *Dr. Ida, India,* which found her among the millions of India, suggested the title for this book. It is the story of Dr. Ida S. Scudder.

There may be books by other authors on the *Life of Frances E. Willard,* any one of which will count for recognition, but this latest one by Trowbridge published in 1938 is the only one that can be obtained through us.

Christian Homemaking is the result of preparation for the Madras Christian Council. At the Jerusalem Conference no place was given to consideration of the Christian Home — a regrettable omission; therefore a small committee was asked to make research on this subject and report findings at Madras. That report comes to us in book form that we all may benefit by it.

S.O.S.—Late in March the Literature Secretary received a letter from a member of a W.M.S. in Chicago in which several questions were asked, some of which required advice from other secretaries of the Board, so reply was delayed until they could be seen. This letter was clipped to a small note book that, like Mary's little lamb, went everywhere the secretary went—that is, until one day when somehow, somewhere, note book and attached letter disappeared.

Without name and address we cannot respond. Our hope is that our correspondent will see this, understand our silence, and send us her address at once.

Tributes

MRS. ANNA McDILL

We, the members of the Jamestown, Ohio Missionary Society, wish to pay a tribute of love and esteem to the memory of our departed friend Mrs. Anna McDill. On December 30, 1938 she was called to the Eternal Home.

We bear testimony to her great desire for the advancement of the kingdom of God. She was a faithful member of the Sabbath School, the Missionary Society and the Church. We greatly miss her presence but her faithful, active interest in all the work of the Church will ever remain an inspiration to all who knew her.

Committee.

MRS. JENNIE A. FLAGG

A loving tribute to Mrs. Jennie A. Flagg, who died January 14, 1939, at San Diego, California. A loyal member of the church and Missionary Society. When not able to attend the meetings she always sent her Bible verse for roll call. Faithful unto death she has entered a higher service.

Mrs. Ottie D. Lindsey,
Mrs. Edward M. Allen.

MRS. THOMAS McKEE

The Women's and Young Women's Missionary Societies of the United Presbyterian Church, West Newton, Pa., wish to pay a tribute of love and respect to the memory of Martha McKee, who was called home January 27, 1939. She was the wife of our Pastor, the Rev. Thomas McKee.

In the passing of this beautiful life, the Young Women's Missionary Society, which she organized more than two years ago, has lost an understanding and inspiring leader. Their lives of active service will continue to be a living memorial to her name.

Her faithfulness and zeal have inspired the church and community to greater devotion to our Saviour.

We know she has heard her Master's "Well Done" in the heavenly home, where she waits, more beautiful, more precious than before.

Committee.

MRS. LULU THOMPSON

We, the members of the Young Women's Missionary Society of Swissvale, Pa., wish to pay loving tribute to the memory of Mrs. Lulu Thompson, who entered her heavenly home December 8, 1938.

A faithful and willing worker for many years. As we sat and sewed, making stuffed toys for Ezel, Kentucky, children, her call came. Her last thoughts and talk concerned the Thank Offering, just gathered. She lingered only a short week, and went on to be with her Master.

To her loved ones we extend our sincere sympathy in their loss, and commend them to the great Shepherd, whom she loved.

Mrs. Margaret Johnston, Pres.,
Mrs. May Miller, Vice Pres.

MRS. ANNIE W. TALLANT

The Women's Missionary Society of Murrysville, Pa., wishes to pay this tribute of love and respect to the memory of Mrs. Annie W. Tallant who was called to her reward on January 6, 1939.

We bear witness to her sterling Christian character which manifested itself in every phase of the church's work. Her knowledge of the Bible; the strength of her convictions; her love for God's house and God's day and her unbounded interest and zeal for all missions left an impression upon us all.

May her example be a benediction to us and quicken us to more diligent service in the work of the Master.

Committee.

MRS. CATHERINE BEAN

The members of the Women's Missionary Society of the Second United Presbyterian Church of Youngstown, Ohio, wish to pay loving tribute to the memory of Mrs. Catherine Bean who, on January 29, 1939, left her earthly house to enter the house not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens.

Mrs. Bean loved the Sabbath, the House of God, and the worship in all departments of the church. The close communion in which she walked with her Lord was manifest in her prayer life when she seemed to closely approach the Throne of Grace.

She was always able to see the good in every one. Her beautiful Christian character was an inspiration to all with whom she came in contact. Together with her husband, a faithful elder, who preceded her in death, she labored for the Master and for the upbuilding of His Church at home and in the foreign field.

She was a diligent student of the Word and her mind was stored with many precious gems of Scripture. One passage especially loved by her was the following: "For I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day."

To her loved ones we extend our sincere sympathy.

There is no death!
The stars go down
To shine upon a fairer shore,
And bright in Heaven's jeweled crown
They shine forevermore.

Irma J. White,
Clara M. Paum,
Clara C. Bryce,
Committee.

MISS ELIZABETH BOAL

The Women's Evening Missionary Society of the Second U. P. Church, Wilkinsburg, Pa., desires to pay a tribute of love to the memory of Miss Elizabeth Boal who was called to her heavenly home January 25, 1939. Miss Boal was a charter member of the Society, and it was largely through her untiring efforts that the Society has accomplished so much during the years of its existence. We bear witness to her sterling Christian character, her knowledge of the Bible and her love for God's house. Cheerfulness and courage through long suffering made her an inspiration to all with whom she came in contact, manifesting great faith in her Saviour. Her sick room was a power house of prayer. Personal interest in the missionaries and their work, at home and abroad, was indicated by service, prayers and generous gifts.

We thank God for the consistent Christian life and for the privilege of being associated with Miss Boal in the Lord's work. We extend our sincere sympathy to the family and commend them to the Master whom she loved and served.

"They never quite leave us, our friends who have passed
Through the shadows of death to the sunlight above;
A thousand sweet memories are holding them fast
To the places they blessed with their presence and love."

Mary S. Crawford,
Mrs. H. H. McConnell,
Agnes M. McCune,
Committee.

MRS. LILLIAN M. McKEOWN

The Women's Missionary Society of the Mayfair U. P. Church, Philadelphia, Pa., desires to pay this tribute of love and esteem to Mrs. Lillian M. McKeown, a charter member of our Church and Society, a former Sabbath School teacher and Junior Missionary assistant, who was called Home January 29, 1939. She was a devoted wife and mother, a loving servant of her Master and a student of His word. When ill health prevented her presence in our meetings, we felt her spiritual influence through her prayers. To the husband and two girls, we extend our sincere sympathy and commend them to the Christ whom she loved and served so well.

Officers of W.M.S. of
Mayfair U. P. Church.

CHRISTIAN TOURS

Several years ago Mr. S. J. Irwin of Topeka, Kansas, conceived the idea of taking groups of young people to the National Conventions. Being a father of four teenage children he wanted to take them to the conventions and invited other to go.

Those who attend the National Conventions know these delegations. 1937 was the peak year when 60 young people went to the Convention and in addition had a glorious trip through New England and New York City and other points.

The tour this summer, in addition to the National Convention at State College, Pennsylvania, will include several special points of interest as well as Washington, D. C. and the World's Fair in New York.

Parents may be fully assured that every detail of the trip will be taken care of strictly in accord with Christian principles.

A similar tour for Women will include the Frances E. Willard Centenary at Rochester, N. Y., in September.

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"Heaven Knows." By Margaret H. Brown. Published by Friendship Press. Price, Cloth $1.00.

A story of tragedy in China. The author passed through some of the horrible experiences during the war in China. She takes a common peasant family and portrays the bewilderment, the suffering, the fortitude and patience as they are driven from place to place; the family divided and then united, and how through these experiences this family found the true God.

China Marches Toward the Cross. By Earl Cressy. Published by Friendship Press. Paper 35c.

This booklet tells briefly what is going on in China. The experiences of missionaries are given; the destruction of Christian institutions is revealed and the great courage and devotion of the Christian Church as it goes forward to rebuild its fallen walls.

Mary Reed. By Lee Huizenga. Published by the Zondervan Publishing Co., Grand Rapids, Mich. Price 35c, in paper.

This booklet is dedicated to the cause of work among lepers. Miss Reed passed her 84th birthday December 4. Forty-four years of her life were spent in work for lepers. It is refreshing to read her story anew and discern the secret of a life wholly given to God's service.

By Life and Death—Excerpts and Lessons from The Diary of John C. Stamm. Edited by E. Schuyler English. Published by the Zondervan Publishing Co., Grand Rapids, Mich. Price 25c in paper; 50c in cloth.

This little volume gives an insight into the life of the martyred missionary.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

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for the people has been started. For about two months Mr. Don McClure has had in school two Anuak men who were in our Nasir School but little headway was made as books must be translated and teachers trained before there can be much of a school. There were 40 boys in the school for a time but a number have dropped out. Miss Blair and Mr. and Mrs. McClure planned to leave Okobo soon after the first of April. They go by truck to Malakal and there get the river steamer for Khartum. On their way they hope to spend a few days at Doleib Hill.

Let us remember all our workers in prayer and especially pray that a way may be opened up to carry on this new work at Okobo while Mr. and Mrs. McClure and Miss Blair are at home on a much-needed furlough.

PRESENT ADDRESS OF MISSIONARIES SUPPORTED BY THE WOMEN'S GENERAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY AND DATE OF APPOINTMENT

(c-o American Mission should be added to each foreign address)

INDIA

Miss Helen Artman, 1920 — Sialkot City
Miss Kathryn Beattie, 1920 — Lyallpur
Miss Minnie Beatty, 1912 — Abbottabad
Miss Hazel Bennett, 1908 — Gujranwala
Miss R. Jean Black, 1921 — Sialkot City
Miss Adah P. Boggs, R.N., 1938 — Pathankot
Miss Lois Boyd, 1918 — Sialkot City
Miss Frances E. Brown, 1927, 1937 — Lyallpur
Miss Theresa I. Brownlee, 1922 — Sialkot City
Miss Lois Buchanan, 1910 — Pathankot
Miss Marie Cash, R.N., 1926 — Pasrur
Miss Evelyn Cathcart, 1925 — Rawalpindi
Miss Margaret Fehlman, 1918 — Zafarwal
Miss Betsy Fleming, 1918 — Sargodha
Miss Eva M. Hewitt, 1930 — Campbellpur
Miss Alice G. Hill, 1938 — Pathankot
Miss Janette Howland, 1921 — Campbellpur
Miss Reba C. Hunsberger, M.D., 1921 — Sialkot City
Miss Flora Jameson, 1903 — Sangla Hill
Miss Mary Kyle, 1904 — Pasrur
Miss Olve Laing, 1912 — Rawapindi
Miss Sarah Jane Lamont, 1928 — Pathankot
Miss Mary Frances Lincoln, R.N., 1920 — Sargodha
Miss Laura R. MacLachlan, 1938 — Pathankot
Miss Elizabeth F. McConnell, R.N., 1931 — Jhelum
Miss Lillian A. McConnell, 1902 — Jhelum
Miss E. Marjorie McCrory, 1936 — Gujranwala
Miss Evelyn M. McKelvey, R.N., 1938 — Sialkot City
Miss Marian T. Peterson, 1930 — Rawalpindi
Miss Willa M. Ramsey, 1921 — Pathankot
Miss Grace N. Ransen, 1936 — Sangla Hill
Miss Louise Scott, 1916 — Gujranwala
Miss Helen C. Sharp, M.D., 1932 — Jhelum
Miss Kate E. Spencer, 1918 — Sargodha
Miss Vivian Trimble, 1921 — Pathankot
Miss Ruth A. Warnock, 1918, 1936 — Sargodha
Miss Helen V. Weede, 1922 — Zafarwal
Miss Georgia Wengert, 1920 — Gurdaspur
Miss Dora B. Whitely, 1911 — Pasrur

HONORARY MISSIONARY

Miss Mary J. Campbell, 1884 — 211 Mamillah Rd., Jerusalem, Palestine

NOW IN THIS COUNTRY

Miss Ruth Ardrey, 1921 — 826 S. Ogden St., Denver, Colo.
Miss N. Addaline Brandon, 1931 — 55 Elizabeth St., Hartford, Conn.
Miss Vida J. Graham, 1933 — c/o Dr. R. S. Graham, 64 Illinois Ave., Fair Oaks, California
Miss Evva P. Hartig — Frostburg, Md.
Miss Kate A. Hill, 1896 — Eldora, Iowa
Miss Glendine Lundquist, R.N. — Lutheran Hospital, Moline Illinois
Miss Margaret Murdoch, 1924 — Troy, N. Y.
Miss Laura Reynolds, 1924 — 100 Crosley Ave., Kenmore, N. Y.

RETIRED

Miss Emma Dean Anderson, 1881 — 231 Franklin St., Slippery Rock, Pa.
Miss Laurella G. Dickson, 1897 — 719 West 24th St., Oklahoma City, Okla.
Miss Ella M. Gordon, 1893 — Pattersonville, N. Y.
Miss Mary Lawrence, 1893, c/o Mrs. R. E. Ayers, — New Concord, Ohio
Miss Mary E. Logan, 1891 — Rushville, Ind.
Miss Rosa McCullough, 1879 — Greenwood, Mo.
Miss Henrietta A. Moore, 1893 — 133 Grove Street, Eustis, Florida

EGYPT

Miss Hazel E. Anderson, 1937 — Cairo
Miss Ella M. Barnes, 1911 — Cairo
Miss Margaret A. Bell, 1901 — Fayoum
Miss Helen R. Brownlee, R.N., 1934 — Assiut
Miss Leota Cabeen, 1909 — Alexandria
Mrs. Mary K. Coventry, 1918 — Benha
Miss Anna B. Criswell, 1905 — Assiut
Miss Mary F. Dawson, 1922 — Cairo
Miss Lucia Dwight, 1919 — Beni Suef
Miss Davida Finney, 1915 — Assiut
Miss Alta G. French, 1925 — Beni Suef
Miss Elsie French, 1909 — Cairo
Miss Martha C. Glass, 1922 — Cairo
Miss Eulalia D. Grether, 1929 — Tanta
Miss A. Constance Harper, 1937 — Cairo
*Miss Rena L. Hogg, 1899 — Assiut
Miss Lois D. Kingan, 1926 — Benha
Miss Lucy Lightowler, 1921 — Cairo
Miss Helen J. Martin, 1915 — Cairo
Miss E. Roxy Martin, 1901 — Minia
Miss Dora B. Mason, 1918 — Assiut
Miss Ruth McCleery, 1931 — Luxor
Miss Jeannette McCrory, 1916 — Minia
Miss Evelyn McFarland, 1919 — Cairo
Miss E. McKibben, R.N., 1924 — Tanta
Miss Mabel McMichael, 1937 — Cairo
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Miss Marion A. Paden, 1902 — Tanta
Miss Frances Patton, 1922 — Mansura
Miss Stella Robertson, 1922 — Cairo
Miss Martha A. Roy, 1938 — Cairo
Mrs. Rachel Tracy Seiver, 1925 — Fayoum
Miss Edna B. Sherriff, 1920 — Alexandria
Miss Jane C. Smith, R.N., 1922 — Cairo
Miss Nellie C. Smith, 1911 — Cairo
Miss Marie F. Tait, 1925 — Zagazig
Miss Mary L. Thompson, 1917 — Assiut
Miss Helen M. Walker, 1930 — Assiut
Miss Laura B. Walker, 1904 — Mansura
Miss Ethel L. Weed, 1919 — Alexandria
Miss Ida B. Whiteside, 1918 — Luxor
Miss Esther W. Wilson, 1919 — Luxor
Miss Ruth A. Work, 1904 — Assiut
Miss Laura Wright, 1921 — Tanta
Miss Elizabeth Wilson, 1933 — Tanta

NOW IN THIS COUNTRY

Mrs. Ada A. Dunlap, 1926 — 3822 Fir St., E. Chicago, Indiana, c/o Rev. S. I. Acheson
*Miss Minnehaha Finney, 1894 — 121 N. 7th St., Sterling, Kan.
Miss Alice Grimes, 1924 — Claysville, Pa.
Miss Alfretta M. Hammond, 1904 — State Hospital, Warren, Pa.
Miss Lillian McClelland, 1923 — 912 N. Hoff St., Tuscon, Aris.
Miss Carol E. McMillan, 1906 — Aledo, Ill.
Miss Venna R. Patterson, 1924 — 923—6th St., North, Nampa, Idaho
Miss Elizabeth S. White, 1924 — 2411 Osgood St., N. S., Pittsburgh, Pa.
Miss Ruth M. Williamson, 1924 — 31 West 3rd St., Greensburg, Pa.
Miss Margaret A. Work, 1924 — Fort Morgan, Colo.

THE SUDAN

Miss Isabel Blair, 1922 — Abobo Post, Malakal
Miss Mary E. Cole, 1919 — Khartum North
Miss Una Cole, 1918 — Khartum North
Miss Elsie E. Grove, 1912 — Doleib Hill
Miss Ray Huffman, R.N., 1924 — Nasir
Miss Marguerite McClellan, 1926 — Khartum North
Miss Aulora R. McIntyre, 1911 — Wad Medani
Miss Mary Jane McKnight, 1922 — Khartum
Miss E. Verna Pillow, 1930 — Omdurman
Miss Ellen P Smith, 1933 — Omdurman
Miss C. Blanche Soule — Nasir

NOW IN THIS COUNTRY

Miss Frances Turk, R.N., c/ Margaret Lowry — 1009 Franklin Ave., Wilkinsburg, Pa.

ETHIOPIA

Miss Ruth C. Beatty, R.N., 1921 — Addis Ababa
Miss Marjorie Faught, R.N., 1933 — Addis Ababa
Miss Ruth Nichol, 1933 — Addis Ababa
Mr. Sigurd Nystrom, 1937 — Addis Ababa
Dr. Harriet Skemp Nystrom, 1937 — Addis Ababa

* Retired from active service.

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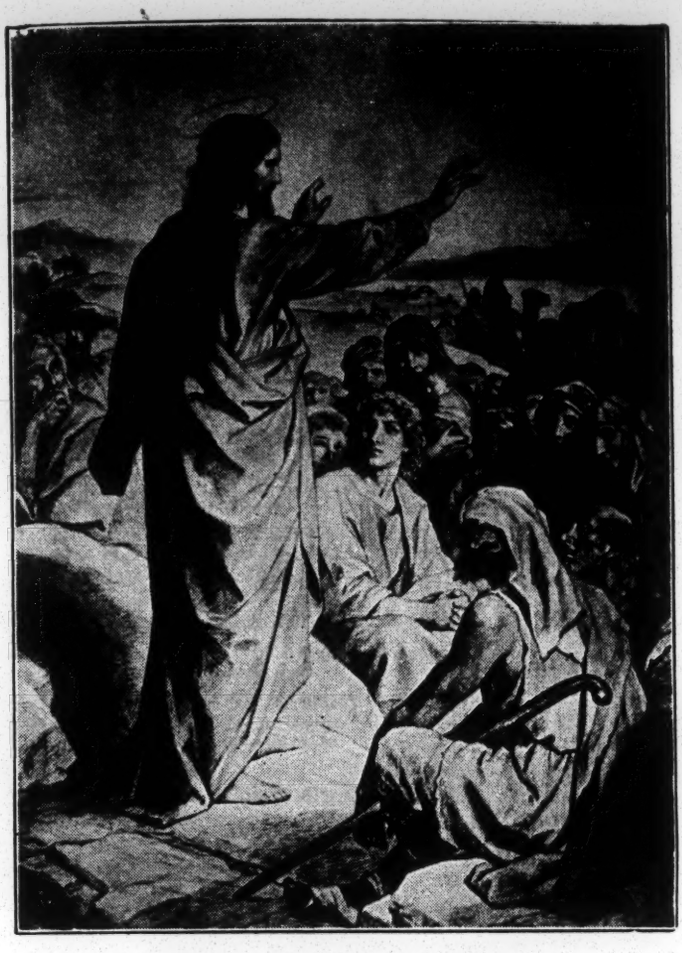

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You have gone on a quest of souls for God,
With love of the Lord as your guide;
You have loosed the moorings from home and friends
And have felt the storms and tide.

You have ministered in the name of One
Who taught to the children of men
That a golden path in this weary world
Lies in love for one's fellow men.

You have answered His call to teach and preach
To nations both far and near;
You have taught as He taught when He trod the earth
Spreading love and the Gospel's cheer.

And the fragrance of prayer has followed you,
And daily upheld your hands,
For on bended knee many aid in the quest
For souls in sin-sick lands.

(Mrs. C. W.) Elsie Wehling Fulton,
Secretary of Prayer Groups.

The Missionaries

Who are these
That run along the highways of the world
And seek its meanest suburbs with their feet?
They are the troubadours of God,
Blowing an airy melody along earth's aisles
As solid as the masonry of dreams.
They are the wise eccentrics
Who reason with divine hilarity.
They are the canny merchants
Who buy the hearts of nations for their Prince.
They are the vivid tailors
Who push the threads of ages through their hands.
They are the white militia
Who take no blood to spill it save their own.
They are the blessed coolies
Who lift the loads of folly on their backs
And dump them into truth's dissolving streams.
They are the blithe outrunners
Who trek the world's long reaches for old trails
Whereon to lay the pavement of new years.
They are the grave cross-bearers
Who bear stern wooden gibbets on their backs
And nail their loves and treasures to the beams.
They are the princely brothers
Born of the womb which bore us
Who speak for us amid the courts of life.

—Henry Barnett in China Christian Advocate.